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Records show the cremated remains of hundreds of U.S. troops were dumped in this Virginia landfill in a practice concealed from the families of the fallen 9

TWP FILE PHOTO/PETER CIHELKA/THE FREE LANCE-STAR

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FIGHTS

'OK, Fine, Your Kid Should Have Been a Magus. Let Go!'

British police have arrested a man after he bit off a finger during a fight before a school's Nativity play. A 39-year-old man was detained after a brawl broke out in South Shields. A 32-year-old dad was taken to a hospital for medical treatment after his finger was bitten off. Police did not disclose whether medics were able to save the digit. (AP)

"He said he does this every year, but never in the mall parking lot. The suspect was surprised he was getting arrested."

—**A POLICE REPORT FROM DECATUR, GA.,** ABOUT THE CASE OF RICHARD ROBINSON, WHO BROUGHT HIS SHOTGUN TO THE MALL TO SHOOT MISTLETOE OUT OF THE TREES TO DECORATE HIS HOME FOR CHRISTMAS.

CONFUSION

Why Is This a Crime?

A man trying to pass off shredded shiitake and porcini mushrooms as the psychedelic variety was arrested when officers broke up the attempted sale last month, said police in Ephrata, Pa. Jayson Hartman allegedly admitted he chopped up store-bought mushrooms, then bagged them to sell. Hartman was arrested Friday and charged with violating state drug law. (AP)

The Big Picture

JULIE JACOBSON/AP

OH, WHAT SPORT: Tyler Willis, of Wheatland, Wyo., is thrown from a bull after hanging on for the required eight seconds during the bull-riding competition in the sixth go-round of the National Finals Rodeo on Tuesday in Las Vegas. Willis took third place in the event. (AP)

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Staying Behind The Counter

U.S. health secretary blocks easier access to morning-after pill

Washington

In a surprise move with election-year implications, the Obama administration's top health official overruled her own drug regulators and stopped the Plan B morning-after pill from moving onto drugstore shelves next to the condoms.

> **"We are outraged that this administration has let politics trump science."**
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> —**KIRSTEN MOORE,** OF THE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES PROJECT, ON THE DECISION WEDNESDAY TO KEEP THE PLAN B MORNING AFTER PILL AVAILABLE ONLY WITH A PRESCRIPTION.

The decision by Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius means the Plan B One-Step emergency contraceptive will remain behind pharmacy counters, as it is sold today — available without a prescription only to those 17 and older who can prove their age.

The Food and Drug Administration was preparing to lift the age limit on Wednesday and allow younger teens, who today must get a prescription, to buy it without restriction. That would have made Plan B the nation's first over-the-counter emergency contraceptive, a pill that can prevent pregnancy if taken soon enough after unprotected sex.

But Sebelius intervened at the eleventh hour and overruled FDA, deciding that young girls shouldn't be able to buy the pill on their own — especially since some girls as young as 11 are physically capable of bearing children: "It is common knowledge that there are significant cognitive and behavioral differences between older adolescent girls and the youngest girls of reproductive age."

> **89%**
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> **The percentage by which taking Plan B within 72 hours can cut the chances of pregnancy.** (AP)

Some critics say Plan B is the equivalent of an abortion pill because it may be able to prevent a fertilized egg from attaching to the uterus. And the decision pleased conservative critics of the proposal.

"Take the politics out of it and it's a decision that reflects the concerns that many parents in America have," said Wendy Wright, an evangelical Christian activist who has helped lead the opposition to Plan B. LAURAN NEERGAARD (AP

Your Statement, Simpler: The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau on Wednesday released a prototype of a simpler credit card agreement. The idea is to sweep away the legalese and make it easier for consumers to understand a card's costs and terms. For now, there are no plans to require credit card companies to adopt the form. People can view and give feedback on the protogype at tinyurl.com/knowbeforeyouowe. (AP)

In Brief

SYRACUSE, N.Y.

Statute Of Limitations Passed for Fine Accusers

Fine

Onondaga County District Attorney William Fitzpatrick, who has sharply criticized police and Syracuse University for their handling of sex-abuse allegations against assistant basketball coach Bernie Fine, said Wednesday that he cannot bring charges but found that the two men who accused Fine are credible. (AP)

MONTGOMERY, ALA.

Law Limits Students' Gifts to Their Teachers

An Alabama student who gives a teacher a holiday ham or a $25 gift card will violate a new ethics law. The State Ethics Commission on Wednesday suggested that the PTA or a parent collect a few dollars each from students and pool the money. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Obama to GOP: No Other Issues on Payroll Tax Bill

President Obama is raising the threat of a veto if Republicans try attaching controversial oil pipeline or other language to a bill renewing payroll tax cuts and unemployment coverage. His comments Wednesday intensify their year-end partisan showdown. (AP)

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Sandusky Rearrested

Ex-assistant coach jailed on more child sex abuse charges

State College, Pa.

Ex-Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky was arrested and jailed Wednesday on new child sex abuse charges brought by two new accusers, including one who claims Sandusky molested him numerous times in a basement bedroom, according to authorities.

The claims bring the number of Sandusky's alleged victims to 10, and he now faces more than 50 charges stemming from accusations he molested boys for years on Penn State property, in his home and elsewhere.

The scandal has raised questions about whether Penn State officials did all they should have to stop the alleged activity.

Sandusky, 67, was first arrested last month and has said repeatedly that he is not guilty. The latest charges were brought after new accusers were questioned by a grand jury, which issued another report detailing chilling new allegations of abuse.

Like earlier accusers, both of the new alleged victims told the grand jury they met Sandusky through the Second Mile charity for at-risk children that he founded in 1977.

Sandusky lawyer Jerry Amendola said after the arraignment Wednesday that he had not yet read the latest grand jury report but said he has no reason to doubt Sandusky's claims of innocence. Sandusky was unable to immediately post a $250,000 bail and was taken to jail.

Also Wednesday, the Second Mile said in a statement that it has lost significant financial support and that some employees will be laid off over the next several months. GENARO C. ARMAS (AP)

Background Check

A year and a half after an investigation began into Jerry Sandusky's contact with young boys, the former Penn State assistant football coach applied for a volunteer coaching job at a central Pennsylvania college but was denied the job after a background check. Officials at Juniata College said Wednesday that Sandusky applied for the position in May 2010 and was rejected the next month after a background check showed a high school where Sandusky previously volunteered was investigating him. (AP)

Ex-Black Panther off Death Row

Philadelphia

Prosecutors on Wednesday abandoned their 30-year pursuit of the execution of convicted police killer Mumia Abu-Jamal, the former Black Panther whose claim that he was the victim of a racist legal system made him an international cause celebre.

Abu-Jamal

Abu-Jamal, 58, will instead spend the rest of his life in prison. His 1995 book, "Live From Death Row," and radio broadcasts from death row had put him at the center of an international debate over capital punishment.

Flanked by police Officer Daniel Faulkner's widow, Philadelphia District Attorney Seth Williams announced his decision two days short of the 30th anniversary of the white patrolman's killing.

He said that continuing to seek the death penalty could lead to "an unknowable number of years" of appeals, and that some witnesses have died or are unavailable.

According to testimony, Abu-Jamal saw his brother scuffle with the patrolman in 1981 and ran toward the scene. Police found Abu-Jamal wounded by a round from Faulkner's gun. Faulkner was killed. A .38-caliber revolver registered to Abu-Jamal was found with five spent shell casings.

KATHY MATHESON (AP)

Hearsay

"I caused it all; I'm not blaming anybody. I was the governor, and I should have known better, and I am just so incredibly sorry."

— **FORMER ILLINOIS GOVERNOR ROD BLAGOJEVICH,** AFTER BEING SENTENCED WEDNESDAY TO 14 YEARS IN PRISON FOR CORRUPTION.

$52B **The amount, in damages,** caused by the 12 weather disasters in 2011, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on Wednesday, a new U.S. record. More than 1,000 people died from them. (AP)

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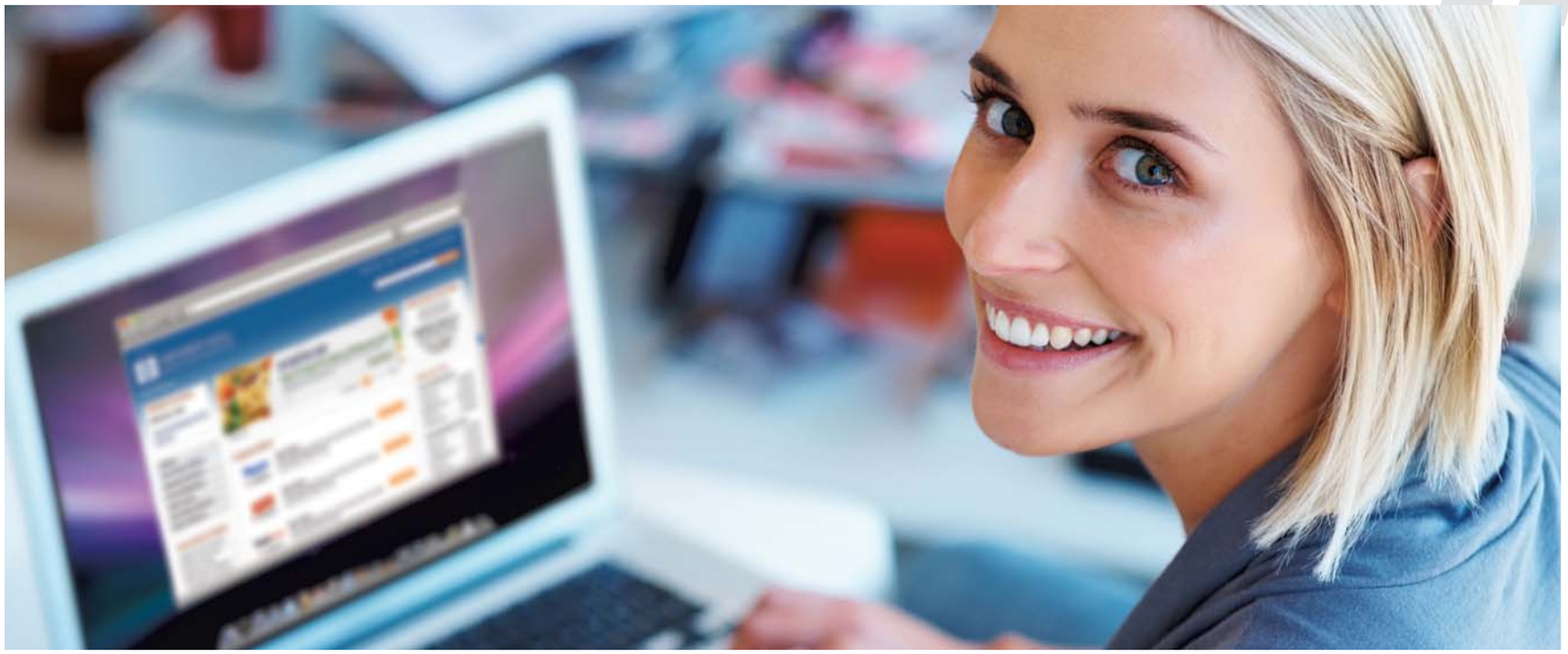

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World

In Brief

ISLAMABAD

Pakistani Chief in Dubai To Undergo Heart Tests

Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari was having tests related to a heart condition in a Dubai hospital Wednesday but is expected to return to Pakistan within days, officials said, denying rumors that the embattled leader may be stepping down. Some reports said Zardari, 56, may have suffered a mild heart attack. (AP)

ROME

Italy's Last Top Mob Boss Arrested, Officials Say

Police on Wednesday captured one of Italy's most-wanted fugitive mobsters, arresting the last major boss of one of Italy's bloodiest mafia clans. Michele Zagaria, on the run since 1995, was found in an underground bunker in Casapesenna, the headquarters of the Casalesi clan of the Neapolitan Camorra. (AP)

MEXICO CITY

Gadhafi's Son Intended To Sneak in, Mexico Says

Mexico said Wednesday that al-Saadi Gadhafi, a son of the late Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi, and three relatives had plotted to sneak into Mexico and take refuge at a Pacific coast resort. The plot was uncovered by Mexican intelligence agents in September. Al-Saadi Gadhafi did not enter the country. (AP)

Nervous Markets Watch Europe

Wary investors focus on EU summit as debt crisis deepens

Washington

From money managers in the U.S. to garment makers in China, the business world is fixated on Europe's debt crisis.

"You're constantly glued to it," says Peter Tchir, who runs the hedge fund TF Market Advisors.

"Everybody's nervous," says Willy Lin of Milo's Knitwear (International), which makes pullovers, cardigans and jackets in southern China and sells 95 percent of them in Europe. Lin fears Europe' troubles will sink his sales next year.

Not in decades, analysts say, has Europe so gripped investors, business leaders and policymakers. The state of the U.S. economy, normally the focus of global markets and policymakers, has become almost an afterthought.

Attention is about to turn to Brussels, where leaders will meet Friday for an EU summit. Hopes are high that the meeting will yield a plan to calm markets.

"We don't have time. We are conscious of the gravity of the situation."

— FRENCH PRESIDENT NICOLAS SARKOZY, SPEAKING THIS WEEK ABOUT EUROPE'S NEED TO ADDRESS ITS DEBT.

Behind the market gyrations is fear that officials will fail to lighten the debts crushing Italy, Spain and Portugal, and threatening the banks that bought their bonds.

Daniel Drezner, professor of international politics at Tufts University, says Washington hasn't been so worried about Europe's economy since right after World War II, when the Truman administration feared communists would seize power in France and Italy. The result was the Marshall Plan, the U.S. aid program that helped restore Europe's health.

Germany, the Continent's strongest economy, is insisting that European governments adopt enforceable rules to prevent overspending. But that could take months and would require changing the treaty governing the European Union or writing a new treaty for the eurozone.

If the crisis isn't settled, Europe could lose the euro. Its collapse would likely trigger bank failures, a credit freeze and a global recession. PAUL WISEMAN (AP)

Topsy-Turvy Crisis

For months, on a nearly daily basis, events seem to swing from encouraging to deflating and back again in Europe's debt crisis. A hint of a setback in solving the crisis tends to darken hopes and thrash stock prices, and a sign of progress ignites optimism and stock buying:

September

The resignation in September of Juergen Stark, a previously obscure member of the European Central Bank's executive board, sent markets tumbling.

Last Week

News last week that major central banks would make it easier for banks to borrow U.S. dollars fueled a 500-point jump in the Dow Jones industrial average, its best day in 2½ years.

This Week

On Wednesday, world markets veered up on optimism that Friday's summit of European leaders would produce a resolution to the crisis, then fell after a German official warned that a deal was unlikely this week. (AP)

A More Modern Sound: Austria's parliament on Wednesday voted to accept changes to its national anthem to pay homage to the country's women. "Home you are to great sons" is being replaced by "Home to great daughters and sons," and "brother choirs" has been amended to "choirs of joy." The changes go into effect Jan. 1, but legislators heard a preview when a choir sang the new version right after the amendments were approved. (AP)

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World

Hearsay

"We don't kill our people. No government in the world [kills] its people unless it is led by a crazy person."

— **SYRIAN PRESIDENT BASHAR ASSAD,** 46, DENYING IN AN INTERVIEW WITH ABC'S BARBARA WALTERS THAT AIRED WEDNESDAY THAT HE ORDERED THE BLOODY CRACKDOWN ON A NEARLY NINE-MONTH UPRISING IN SYRIA.

Afghanistan Copes With Sectarian Attack

S. SABAWOON/POOL/AP

AFGHAN PRESIDENT HAMID KARZAI comforts a child wounded in Tuesday's suicide blast in Kabul, Afghanistan, during a hospital visit Wednesday. He also confronted Pakistan over the bombing, saying a militant group based there was behind the grisly attack at a Shiite shrine that killed 56 people.

Egypt: Parliament Lacks Balance

Cairo

Egypt's military rulers said Wednesday the next parliament will not be representative enough to independently oversee the drafting of a new constitution, and they will appoint a council to guide the process and protect it from the influence of religious extremists.

Egypt just completed the initial stage of the first vote since Hosni Mubarak's ouster in February, with Islamists seizing a majority.

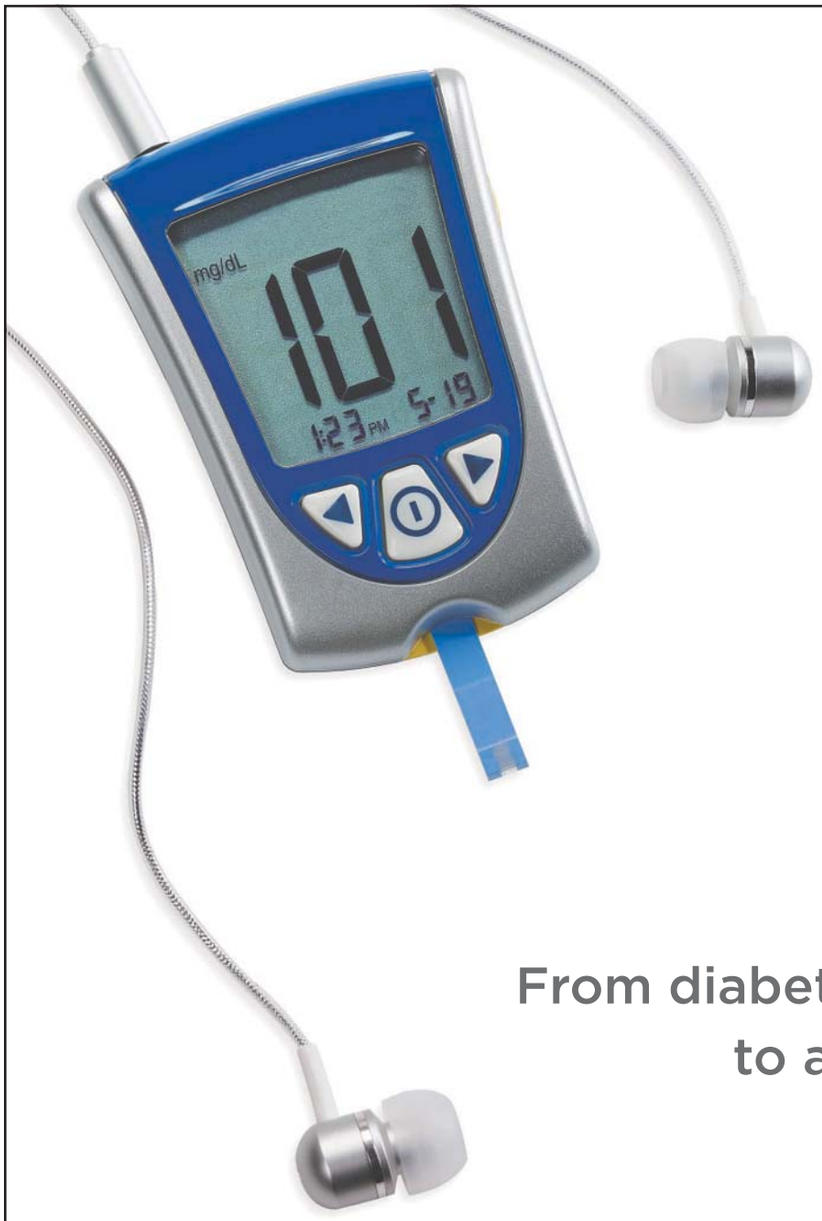
In theory, parliament will form an assembly to write the new constitution. But liberals and the military worry that religious extremists will exert too much influence.

The Islamic fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood led the vote with 37 percent, according to partial results. The Al-Nour party, ultraconservative Islamists known as Salafis, took second with about 24 percent.

The elections dealt a serious blow to the liberal activists that drove Mubarak's ouster. (AP)

"What we are seeing is free and fair elections ... but it certainly doesn't represent all sectors of society."

— **GEN. MUKHTAR MULLA,** A MEMBER OF EGYPT'S RULING MILITARY COUNCIL.



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The remains of more than 6,300 American troops killed overseas have passed through Dover Air Force Base since the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan in 2001.

Dover's Grim Secret

A landfill is the resting place for some remains of hundreds of troops

Washington

The Air Force practice of dumping incinerated remains in a King George County, Va., landfill involved body parts from at least 274 American troops, far more than previously acknowledged.

The landfill dumping, which was discontinued three years ago, was concealed from families who had authorized the military to dispose of the remains in a dignified and respectful manner, Air Force officials said. There are no plans, they said, to alert those families.

The practice was never formally authorized under military policies or regulations. It also was not disclosed to senior Pentagon officials who conducted a high-level review of cremation policies at the Dover mortuary in 2008, records show.

About two-thirds of the fragments were unidentified remains collected from the battlefield. The rest were unclaimed body parts conclusively traced to 274 service members, virtually all of them killed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Senior Air Force leaders said there was no intent to deceive. "Absolutely not," said Lt. Gen. Darrell D. Jones, the Air Force's deputy chief of staff for personnel. "To infer that they were hiding something or covering something up is just, I think you're going down the wrong road."

The landfill disposals, which have ignited anger among veterans groups and lawmakers since they were revealed last month by The Washington Post, occurred during the height of the Iraq War as the Dover mortuary struggled to cope with the arrival of thousands of dead troops.

A separate federal investigation of the mortuary last month uncovered "gross mismanagement" and documented how body parts stacked up in the morgue's coolers for months or years before they were identified and disposed of.

The problems also transpired at a time when the mortuary was shielded from public scrutiny. News coverage of the return of fallen troops to Dover was banned by President George H.W. Bush in 1991 before the first Persian Gulf War. The ban remained in place until April 2009.

Air Force officials said they do not know when the landfill disposals began. Their first record of it dates to Feb. 23, 2004, they said.

Air Force and Pentagon officials have stated that they could not determine how many fragments or portions of remains ended up in a landfill. They said it would be too difficult to sort through the records of more than 6,300 troops whose remains have passed through the Dover mortuary since the 2001 invasion of Afghanistan.

"It would require a massive effort and time to recall records and research individually," Jo Ann Rooney, the Pentagon's acting undersecretary for personnel, wrote in a Nov. 22 letter to Rep. Rush Holt, D-N.J.

Jones said the Air Force did not need to inform relatives of troops whose remains ended up in the landfill because family members had signed forms stipulating that they did not wish to be notified if additional remains were identified after their service member's funeral. The forms authorized the military to make "appropriate disposition" of subsequent remains.

When asked whether the landfill was a dignified final resting place, Jones said: "The way we're doing it today is much better."

CRAIG WHITLOCK AND MARY PAT FLAHERTY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Unknown Origin

Gari-Lynn Smith, the widow of an Army sergeant, said she received an email in July from mortuary director Trevor Dean saying that incinerated remains had been taken to landfills at least since he began working at Dover in 1996. Dean is one of the officials facing discipline for the reported mismanagement at the mortuary. Smith's husband, Sgt. 1st Class Scott R. Smith, was killed in Iraq on July 17, 2006. In 2007, she began asking the military what happened to his remains identified after his funeral. After four years of letters, phone calls and records requests, Smith received a letter in April stating that the military cremated and disposed of them in the King George County, Va., landfill. (TWP)

TWP FILE PHOTO/THE FREE LANCE-STAR

Kept in the Dark

Military records suggest that the landfill disposals were an off-the-books event. The mortuary's voluminous written operating procedures and policies in effect from 2004 to 2008 do not mention the practice. Private contractors hired by the Air Force to incinerate the remains and dispose of the residue said they were unaware they were transporting ashes of humans. Records show that the Air Force hired the contractors to dispose of medical waste and did not specify that cremated body parts were included. (TWP)

"What the hell? We spent millions, tens of millions, to find any trace of soldiers killed and they're concerned about a 'massive' effort to go back and pull out the files and find out how many soldiers were disrespected this way? They just don't want to ask questions or look very hard."

— **REP. RUSH HOLT, D-N.J.,** REACTING TO NEWS THAT MILITARY REMAINS WERE DUMPED IN A LANDFILL.

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Trolleys to Go on Bridge

Plan to run streetcars beneath structure nixed due to Amtrak

Washington

The new trolley cars that are to begin rolling on H Street NE in 2013 will be routed onto the bridge over Amtrak rails so that they connect with Union Station.

Mayor Vincent C. Gray said Tuesday that the route was the best option for making that connection without disrupting the surrounding neighborhood.

The need to link the trolley line that will run down refurbished H Street from Benning Road with Amtrak and Metrorail at Union Station has been obvious since the planning stages. How best to do that had been cause for debate.

The original plans called for punching an opening through at the foot of the bridge so that streetcars could pass under the railway tracks. Space under the tracks already exists, much of it now used to house District Department of Transportation equipment.

That would have allowed for construction of a trolley station under the bridge on the west side of the Amtrak tracks, and trolley passengers could have walked directly into Union Station.

But Amtrak blocked that plan, concerned that it might need some of that space to accommodate envisioned high-speed rail service.

DDOT considered routing trolleys north when they reached the bridge, making a connection with Metrorail at the New York Avenue station. But some in the neighborhood through which it would have passed raised objections.

As a result, in a meeting with those residents and business owners Tuesday night, Gray said that instead, the trolleys would go over what is known as the Hopscotch Bridge.

"A connection to Union Station, even if it's only an interim solution, is necessary," Gray said. "It is critical we have this connection in place for the opening of the streetcar system in July 2013. The benefits afforded by a close connection to a regional transit hub are infinite." ASHLEY HALSEY III (THE WASHINGTON POST)

SARAH L. VOISIN/TWP

Workers complete construction of a streetcar track on H Street NE on June 30.

Backstory

The H Street line is an initial part of a streetcar system designed to cover 37 miles in the District, with the goal of serving about 150,000 riders a day in all eight of the city's political subdivisions. Plans to revitalize H Street from Third to 14th streets NE have been discussed for years, with city planners envisioning that the more affluent Capitol Hill populace would creep north to H Street. New shops and restaurants have begun to open on the street, and the city has invested in the creation of a boulevard with wide sidewalks, granite curbs, freshly paved traffic lanes and new landscaping. (AP)

Study: Parking Lot Cameras Don't Help

Transportation

A new study says cameras in Metro parking lots aren't deterring crime, but the transit agency says it will keep using them.

Metro teamed up with the Urban Institute to study how effective the cameras are at preventing crime in parking lots. The Washington Examiner reports that thieves have driven off in cars, stolen items from vehicles and committed other crimes at the agency's 42 parking facilities.

The cameras are near exits and photograph the license plates of cars leaving the lots. Signs are also posted to alert drivers.

A Metro spokesman says the cameras are just one part of the agency's crime-fighting tactics and says they can still be used in investigations. (AP)

Local

Showdown on K Street

Protesters arrested after causing major gridlock downtown

Washington

More than five dozen protesters concerned about what they call corporate greed in America were arrested in the District on Wednesday.

The arrests came as demonstrators from across the country converged on K Street, home to many of the city's most influential lobbying firms. A police spokeswoman said 62 people had been arrested by 5:30 p.m. Wednesday.

62

The number of people arrested as of 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, police said after the intersection protest.

Earlier, about three dozen protesters lay in the center of a busy downtown intersection as police issued warnings. The protesters were carried into police vans as demonstrators on the sidewalk jeered at officers.

Protesters marched across K Street in a demonstration that led police to shut down several busy downtown streets. They included participants in the Occupy D.C. encampment and other groups sympathetic to their message about income inequality.

KAREN BLEIER/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Protesters block the intersection at 15th and K streets in Washington Wednesday.

"K Street is the place to be if you're going to stop the moneybags who are corrupting our government!"

— **JIM SESSIONS,** A METHODIST MINISTER FROM TENNESSEE WHO WAS ARRESTED DOWNTOWN WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

"K Street is the place to be if you're going to stop the moneybags who are corrupting our government!" said Jim Sessions, 75, a Methodist minister from Tennessee who was one of the protesters arrested. He and eight others from Houston, Massachusetts and Washington state had linked arms across the intersection of K and 16th streets NW and refused to move.

The demonstrators were among those who had been bused in from cities across the country to join the Occupiers as part of a weeklong protest called Take Back the Capitol, sponsored by the Service Employees International Union, one of the biggest labor unions in the country. ANNIE GOWEN AND TIM CRAIG (THE WASHINGTON POST/AP)

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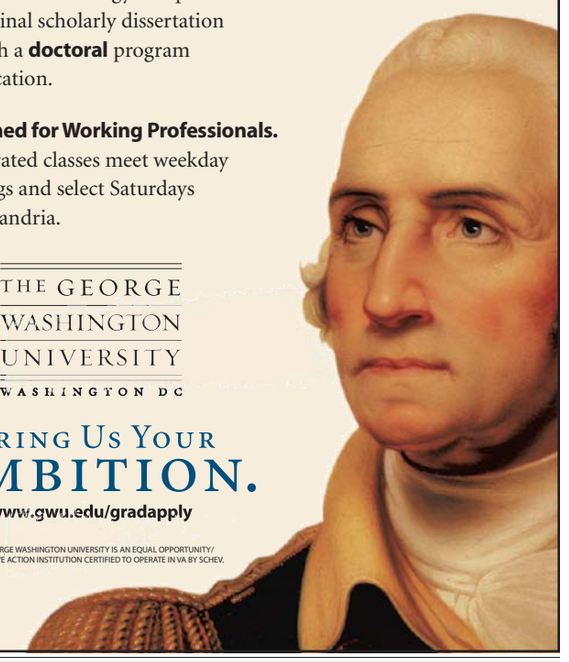

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Local

DCPS' Black-White Achievement Gap Largest in U.S., Report Says

Washington

D.C. public schools have the largest achievement gap between black and white students among the nation's major urban school systems, a distinction laid bare in a federal study released Wednesday.

The District also has the widest achievement gap between white and Hispanic students, the study found, compared with results from other large systems and the national average. The study is based on the 2011 National Assessment of Educational Progress, federal reading and math exams taken this year by fourth- and eighth-graders across the country.

In reading and math, the gaps in scores between black and white students were widest in D.C. schools compared with those in 20 other urban systems, including New York, Los Angeles and Miami.

On the fourth-grade math test, for example, black students in the District scored an average of 212 points out of a possible 500, and their white classmates averaged 272. That 60-point difference is more than twice the national achievement gap for that test. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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EX-VIRGINIA SENATOR George Allen, left, and ex-governor Tim Kaine, right, talk after the Capitol Senatorial debate at the Capitol in Richmond, Va., Wednesday. Six other candidates did not meet the debate's qualifications.

The Lotteries

Wednesday, Dec. 7

Maryland

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Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	4-5-9
Mid-day Pick 4	2-5-4-5
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	2-1-6-5
Match 5 (Tues.)	13-16-20-26-27 (28)

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	8-9-3
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	4-6-1
Mid-day Pick 4	7-8-9-2
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	1-2-9-2
Mid-day Cash 5	1-9-18-20-33
Evening Cash 5 (Tues.)	1-2-13-19-32

District

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	9-1-9
Evening Lucky Numbers (Tues.)	4-9-3
Mid-day DC 4	4-1-1-9
Evening DC 4 (Tues.)	4-8-5-4
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Sports

In Brief

GETTY IMAGES

Mark Buehrle spurned the Nats' offer to sign with the Marlins on Wednesday.

PRO BASEBALL

Buehrle Joins Marlins

Miami Marlins manager Ozzie Guillen said Wednesday that the team has reached a deal with free-agent pitcher Mark Buehrle, the lefty who had been courted by the Nationals. The Marlins have been the busiest team at baseball's winter meetings. Earlier this week, they landed All-Star free agents Jose Reyes and Heath Bell. (AP)

PRO BASEBALL

Padres Trade for Street

The Colorado Rockies have sent closer Huston Street and cash to the San Diego Padres. The Rockies get a player to be named and cash in the trade announced Wednesday at baseball's winter meetings. The 28-year-old Street had 29 saves in 33 chances for Colorado in 2011. (AP)

PRO HOCKEY

Crosby to Miss 2 Games

Pittsburgh Penguins star Sidney Crosby will miss the next two games as a precaution after a collision with teammate Chris Kunitz in Monday night's loss to Boston. General manager Ray Shero said Wednesday the former MVP wasn't "feeling 100 percent" after running into Kunitz in the third period. (AP)

SOCCER

Manchester Teams Both Out in Champions League

Three-time European champion Manchester United was eliminated from the Champions League on Wednesday when it lost 2-1 at FC Basel, with Manchester City joining its local rival on the sidelines despite beating Bayern Munich 2-0. (AP)

TONI L. SANDYS/TWP

Trent Williams was Mike Shanahan's first draft pick after he took over as coach. Williams will miss the next four games for drug use.

Sorry Isn't Enough

Suspended Redskins apologize, then hear it from irritated coach

The Redskins

No sugarcoating from Mike Shanahan, not when he's been let down like this.

The Redskins coach said Wednesday he's disappointed "big time" in suspended players Fred Davis and Trent Williams, and that both will have to prove themselves to be a part of the team's future.

Tight end Davis and left tackle Williams — the team's leader in receptions and the offense's marquee lineman, respectively — began the day by apologizing at a team meeting. Both were suspended Tuesday without pay for four games — the rest of the regular season — by the NFL for repeated violations of the league's substance abuse policy.

"You're talking about accountability," Shanahan said, "people being there through thick and thin. And when you don't do that, there's not really anything you can say except, 'I screwed up.'

EVAN VUCCI/AP

Fred Davis' value as a free agent took a big hit due to his drug suspension this week.

"Now we will find out in the future if they're true to their word."

It's one thing to be caught once, but Davis and Williams are multiple offenders who had previously been fined by the NFL, ordered to undergo counseling and received a good talking-to from a coach who puts a premium on discipline. Not only will the struggling offense for a 4-8 team have to find a way to make do without the pair for the balance of the season, but the Redskins will also have to plan around the fact that each will likely be suspended for a year if there's another positive test.

Williams was Shanahan's first draft pick with the Redskins, the No. 4 overall selection a year ago, and it's likely he will get another chance at redemption if only because he has four years remaining on a six-year, $60 million contract. Davis' status is murky because he's due to become an unrestricted free agent at the end of the season. He's played well — 59 catches for 796 yards — but his value on the open market has just plummeted.

"Am I disappointed in them? Big time, yeah," Shanahan said. "Because they affect not only themselves but this organization and their teammates. That's a bad decision, and they know they put us in a heck of a position." JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

Reactions

"I think our whole team feels let down."

—**MIKE SHANAHAN,** REDSKINS COACH

"I didn't need an apology, I feel like what they done to themselves, they [needed to] apologize to themselves before they apologize to me."

—**SANTANA MOSS,** REDSKINS OFFENSIVE CAPTAIN

"They know they made a mistake and they have to pay some pretty harsh consequences for it."

—**REX GROSSMAN,** REDSKINS QUARTERBACK

"They want us to kind of understand, but at the same time, it's difficult. It's difficult not having those guys out there for the wrong reason. It's not like something happened ... with an injury or something, something that you couldn't control."

—**DEANGELO HALL,** REDSKINS CORNERBACK

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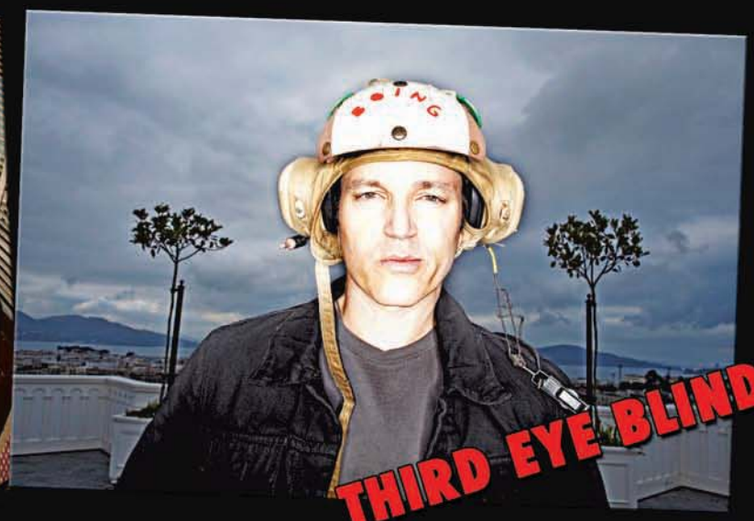

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Terps' Transfers Are a Concern

Departures reflect poorly on Edsall's first year at UMd.

Commentary

By Tracee Hamilton

Does six players leaving the Maryland football team constitute a stampede, or is it merely the expected amount of attrition after the first season under a new coach? That's the question as three more Terrapins announced on Wednesday they will take their talents elsewhere.

In all likelihood, the total will rise to at least seven: Exactly no one would be surprised to see quarterback Danny O'Brien, who saw his life completely change in the past 12 months and not for the better, to depart as well.

Coach Randy Edsall wishes them well. What else can he do? I'm sure he expected a few defections after a 2-10 season. That, coupled with the implementation of a host of new rules that at least some players considered draconian, apparently doesn't engender a real desire to hang around and see what happens.

The problem is not just that the loss of the players leaves holes to be filled, but that the reasons behind the departures might make those holes tougher to fill.

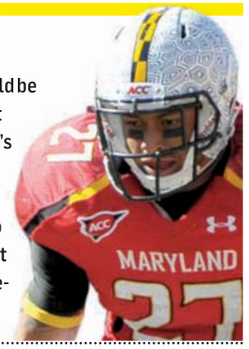
Players know one another. They talk. Social media makes it easier than ever for them to keep in touch with opponents, players they meet at all-star games and camps — and their former teammates who are still in high school. In other words, potential recruits can easily find out exactly who's leaving a program — and why.

Gossip about the toughness or lack thereof of a school's coach is certainly not going to be the only factor for any player debating whether to sign a letter of intent. But seeing a player willing to walk away from a scholarship and subject himself to the NCAA's oppressive transfer rules raises some eyebrows, and not just among Maryland fans.

The Terps have been criticized for not being able to keep the state's best and brightest at home; this news may not help in that effort at a time when they need a good recruiting class to fill some empty seats and change the current story arc in College Park.

Edsall and his highly compensated coaching staff will be put to the test. Their off-season performance will need to improve upon their in-season record by leaps and bounds. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Locals Leaving UMd.



For Maryland coach Randy Edsall, what should be most troubling about the recent departures is that four of them are from this area — right in Maryland's wheelhouse, so to speak, where recruiting is concerned. Defensive lineman David Mackall, who bid an early farewell, is from Baltimore. The latest trio are all from Maryland, too: Rahsaan Moore (District Heights), Titus Till (right, Upper Marlboro) and Jeremiah Wilson (Forestville). (TWP)

TWP

Santino Quaranta played 10 years in D.C.

Quaranta Hangs Up His Cleats

Major League Soccer

Former D.C. United star and U.S. national team player Santino Quaranta announced his retirement from professional soccer on Wednesday. He is leaving MLS after 11 seasons, including 10 in D.C.

The 27-year-old midfielder battled drug and alcohol addictions during his career before asking for help and beginning a recovery in late 2007. He now plans to spend much of his time helping others overcome similar problems in his native Baltimore.

Quaranta made 15 appearances with the U.S. team and scored a goal during the 2009 Gold Cup. (AP)

On Second Thought: Archie Manning figures Peyton Manning and Andrew Luck can coexist after all. One day after Archie Manning told an Indy radio show he didn't think either quarterback wanted to be on the same team, he backtracked in a phone interview and said he thought the two could work together just fine. His first comments caused lots of commotion in Indianapolis, where the 0-12 Colts are likely to get the top pick in April's draft and could select Luck. (AP)

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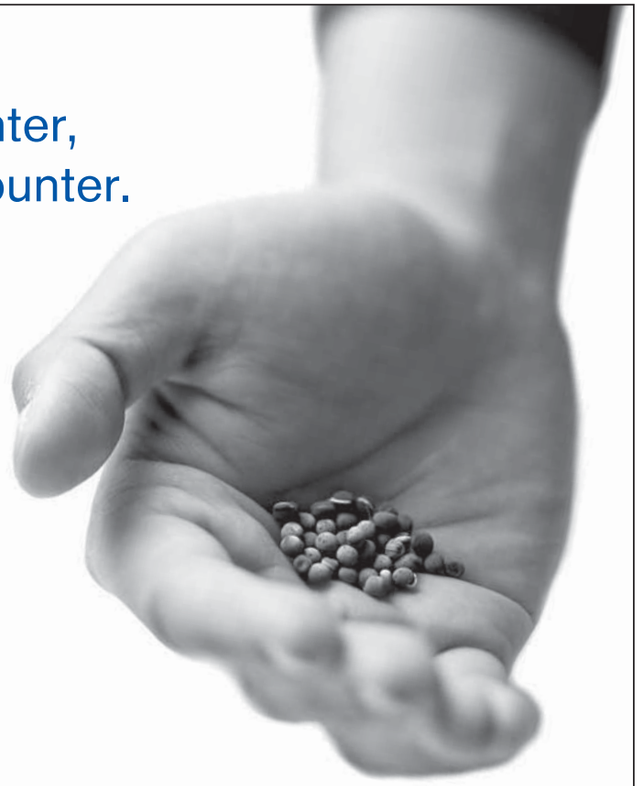

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Sports

Georgetown Rises To the Challenge

Hoyas in the Top 25 after a strong start against tough foes

Hoyas Hoops

Maybe experience is overrated.

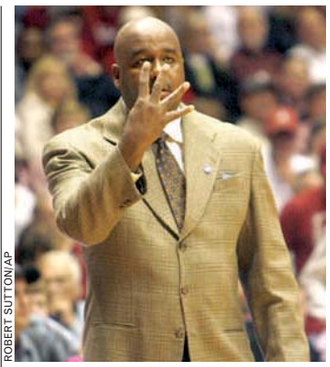
The young Georgetown Hoyas have come out with a bang this season, netting five-straight wins to improve their record to 7-1 after a tough early-season schedule. All of a sudden, a team picked to finish 10th in the Big East this year is ranked No. 18 in the latest Associated Press poll.

As usual, though, coach John Thompson III isn't concerned with outside perceptions of his team heading into Saturday's contest against Howard.

"I thought we would be in this position. Looking back, I thought we would be 7-1, 8-0."

— **JASON CLARK,** THE HOYAS' SENIOR LEADER, WHO IS NOT SURPRISED TO SEE HIS TEAM WITH A 7-1 RECORD AFTER A STRONG START TO THE SEASON.

"[Rankings don't] matter, because you have to play the games," Thompson said after last Saturday's win against the New Jersey Institute of Technology. "For a team that's young like us, I think they would love to see their name pop up there. But at the end of the day, you have to go out and you have to play the games."



ROBERT SUTTON/AP

John Thompson III calls out a play in the Hoyas' win at Alabama last week.

So far, the games have not been easy for Georgetown.

The Hoyas took part in the prestigious Maui Invitational in Hawaii, where they rebounded from a 67-63 loss against Kansas to defeat Chaminade and Memphis. Next, Georgetown beat then-No. 12 Alabama on a last-second 3-pointer by junior forward Hollis Thompson, who on Monday was named the Big East's player of the week.

It's been talked about ad nauseam, but the Hoyas' summer trip to China and the recent games in Hawaii visibly strengthened this team's chemistry and cohesiveness. The team's solid record, even after a tough stretch of games, is encouraging for Thompson, though the success didn't seem to come as much of a surprise to him.

"I'm confident in this group," he said. "Have been since China, have been since probably the fourth or fifth day of practice preparing to go to China." KRYSTINA LUCIDO

TV Lineup

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M., 9 P.M., ESPN2) No. 24 Harvard needs to beat Connecticut to stay in the AP Top 25 for another week. Then, West Virginia visits Kansas State in a nonconference game.

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on the spot

"MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING" is a tale of soldiers at ease — military men stuck on an island outpost with gorgeous young women — so it makes sense that things get a little steamy, especially when set in a tropical Cuban paradise, as is the Shakespeare Theatre's new production. We asked D.C.-based director Ethan McSweeny what else sets his version apart.

You've set this in 1930s Cuba, which was basically a vacation playground for rich Americans. How did you come up with that?

We produced "Much Ado" at my summer theater in Chautauqua, N.Y., four years ago, directed by my co-artistic director, Vivienne Benesch. It was her idea to set the play in Cuba. Vivienne had come up with the idea after seeing a friend's production set in Argentina. The Romanian theater director Liviu Ciulei once said that originality is just a sign of not enough research.

What do you think he meant?

That the quest for true originality is not what the job of theater is. The quest is for rightness, moment to moment, and for truth. It's hubris if you think you're going to do something that no one has ever done.

Especially with Shakespeare.

We have a joke here right now that every time I come up with a really good idea, I look in the footnotes of the Arden Shakespeare and they've already written about it.

Mark Hairston plays Borachio and Rachel Spencer Hewitt portrays Margaret in "Much Ado."

SCOTT SUCHMAN

Ethan McSweeny

DIRECTOR, "MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING"

"It's hubris if you think you're going to do something that no one has ever done."

What was it about Cuba in the '30s that you thought worked so well in this context?

I don't know if Shakespeare had this concept of Italians being hot and sexy, but you kind of need a hot, sexy place for this play to happen. You need a place and time with a real, embedded sense of machismo. But it's important to remember that it's a setting, not a concept. Hopefully, on some level, you're going to forget about the setting.

FIONA ZUBLIN (EXPRESS)

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Backstory: Greenbelt towns were born of the New Deal, FDR's anti-Great Depression program. Despite screams of "socialism!" from some quarters, more than 5,000 families applied for the 885 Maryland houses; move-ins began in 1937. In 1952, residents bought their homes from the government, becoming the housing cooperative that presides today. The Greenbelt Museum house opened in 1987.

The House: Greenbelt planners rejected conventions like front and back doors. The "garden side" entrance faces the pedestrian walkways; the "service side" is for trash, deliveries, etc. The sturdy, compact furniture, made specifically for Greenbelt homes, could teach Ikea a thing or two.

COURTESY GREENBELT MUSEUM

The 836-square-foot Greenbelt Museum house holds marvels such as five closets.

The Town: There's much to admire: the bas-reliefs on the Community Center, by sculptor Lenore Thomas; the Art Deco curves of the public buildings; the "super blocks," oversized groups of houses, paths and detached garages that shunt cars to the perimeters.

Gift Shop: Retro toys, Greenbelt-themed knickknacks, the new book "Images of America: Greenbelt." Visit Greenbelthomes.net for such bargains as three-bedroom homes in the mid-$200,000s. That is not a typo. HOLLY J. MORRIS (EXPRESS)

Greenbelt Museum

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Dance Dance Evolution

The choreographers behind 'Hairspray' and 'Billy Elliot' explain how movement makes a musical magical

Stage

There's a reason there's no hit TV show called "So You Think You Can Choreograph." Choreographers are the unsung heroes of the musical stage. They work largely behind the scenes, getting actors — often with varying degrees of dance ability — to move in sync both with the music and with one another.

Beyond that, they're charged with coming up with sequences that reflect the director's vision for a play while also conveying emotional meaning to the audience. This goes for serious shows, such as "Billy Elliot," opening next week at the Kennedy Center, and silly ones, like "Hairspray," now on at the Signature Theatre.

Karma and Brianne Camp are the mother-daughter choreography team behind the dance-intensive "Hairspray," a musical based on John Waters' 1988 film that centers on the integration of a '60s TV dance show in Baltimore.

CHRISTOPHER MUELLER

Using our chart below, you can dance along with the cast of "Hairspray." This is one of the easy moves.

'Hairspray'

John Waters' camp-cinema classic comes to life at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington; through Jan. 29, $62-$86; 703-820-9771, Signature-theatre.org.

'Billy Elliot'

This adaptation of the beloved 2000 flick comes to the Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; Dec. 13-Jan. 15, $25-$150; 202-467-4600, Kennedy-center.org. (Foggy Bottom)

> **"The show is fun; it's a farce. Once you embrace that, you can really take the dance to a whole new level."**
>
> —**KARMA CAMP,** CHOREOGRAPHER, 'HAIRSPRAY'

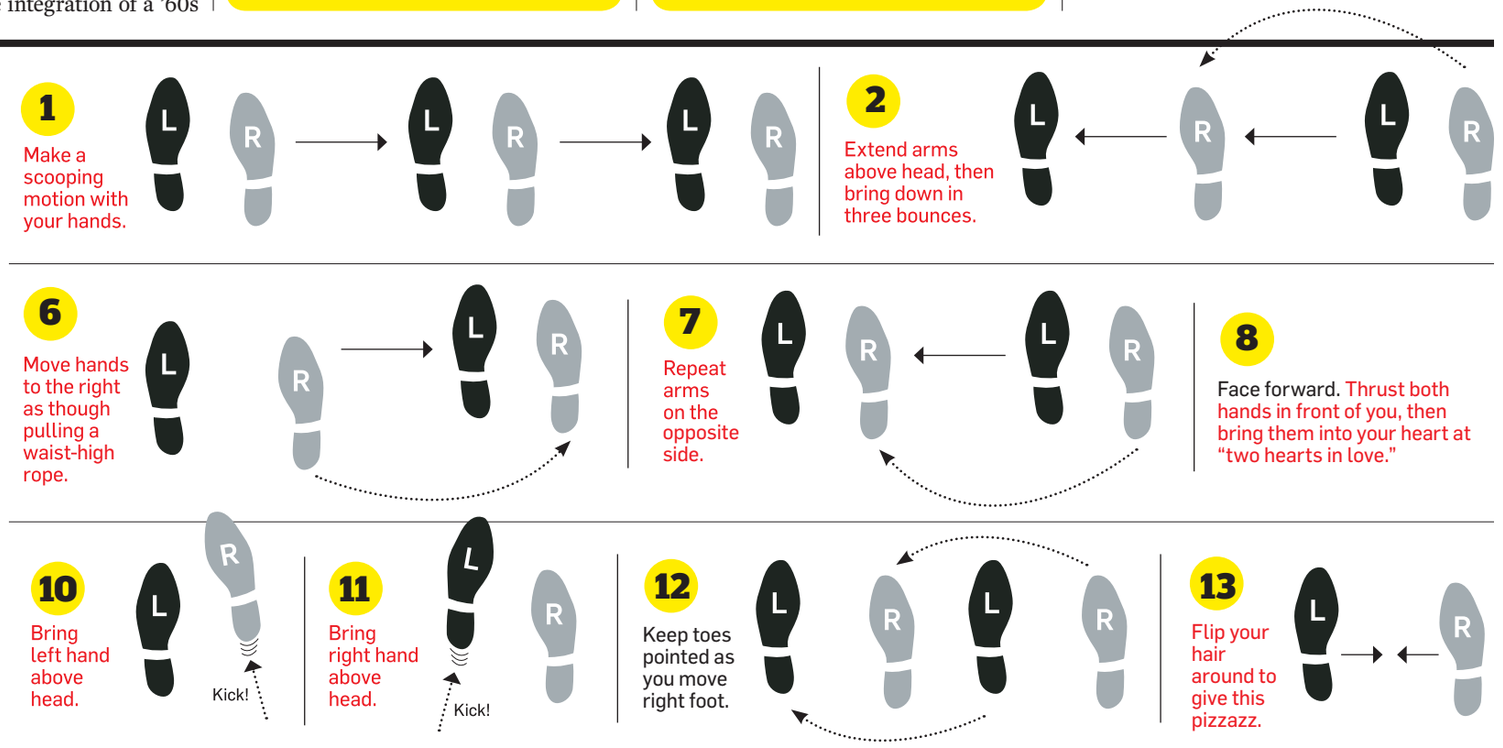
The dissolving racial boundaries in the story are reflected in the dancing, with the cast using distinct styles that blend together as the show moves on. "With the African-American cast members, it was always get low, get into the floor, have fun and groove," says Brianne Camp. "With the Caucasians, it was stay high and be sharp." By the finale, "You Can't Stop the Beat," the entire cast performs a step (number 12 below) that in an earlier number was done only by the black cast members.

Should you wish to join in on the last nine bars, the footprints below will teach you how. Some parting words of advice: "The show is fun; it's a farce," Karma Camp says. "Once you embrace that, you can really take the dance to a whole new level." KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

Learn how to do **"Hairspray's"** finale number!

'You Can't Stop The Beat'

Instructions for your feet are in black. Do what's in red with your hands. Here goes: Start facing forward. Point your right hand, then cross with your left hand. On the word "stop," put both palms up, then extend both arms to your sides.



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Stage of Development

It's hard to keep a touring production of a musical fresh — month after month, city after city, every line and dance step identical every single night. In the case of "Billy Elliot" — based on the 2000 film about a boy in a British coal mining town who discovers himself through ballet — there are additional challenges, as the stars are all tweens and teens.

Choreographer Mary Giattino trains young dancers to take on the role of Billy Elliot in New York City before sending them out to join touring productions of the play, including the version opening at the Kennedy Center.

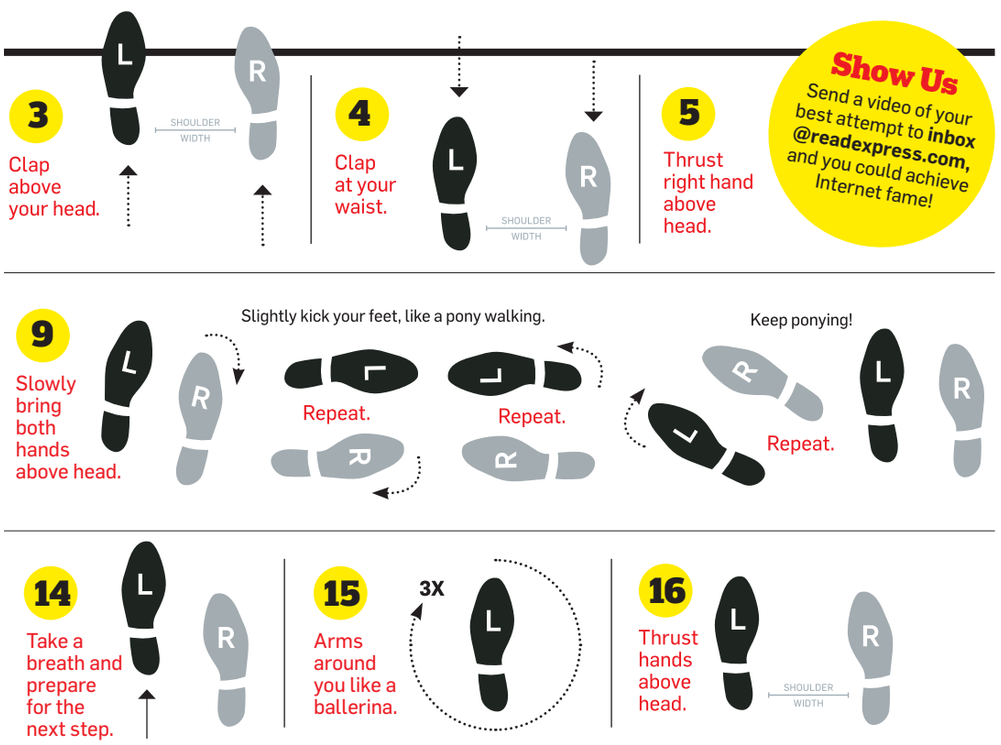
"We treat the kids like adults," Giattino says. "We expect a lot from them because at the end of the day, this child is carrying a three-hour show, and they have to feel that responsibility."

> **"We treat the kids like adults. We expect a lot from them."** —MARY GIATTINO, CHOREOGRAPHER, 'BILLY ELLIOT'

While the choreography for this show is exacting, the specifics of the lead actor's moves are changeable from night to night. That's because the leads themselves change: Five boys share the role of Billy and rotate during the show's run.

The differences show during Billy's big second-act solo, "Electricity," Giattino says. "He breaks out into his dance that he's been practicing for his father and for the board of the Royal Ballet School." That climactic dance is altered to showcase the particular talents of each performer.

"They're all fantastic, well-rounded dancers, but they all have their strengths — acro, hip-hop, ballet, modern," Giattino says. "It's different for every single boy who's ever done Billy. We're only at our best when we're confident, so if we build the dance around each boy's confident moves, he's going to feel like he's got the best solo ever." FIONA ZUBLIN (EXPRESS)



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The most conniving and clever Looney Tunes characters had nothing on America's early inventors. Even Wile E. Coyote would have admired the brutal simplicity of A.F. Kitchen's 1868 "Theft Prevention Device": A weighted chain attached to a door lifts when the door is opened, triggering a loaded pistol.

Of course, just because the device received a patent doesn't mean it ever made it to production. However, its shoebox-sized replica, one of 32 items in the American Art Museum's "Inventing a Better Mousetrap" exhibit, ensures that the diabolical security system will not be forgotten.

Inventors applying for patents between 1790 and 1880 had to submit models (usually nonfunctional) of their work, with narrative descriptions and drawings. "The country just didn't have the engineering, scientific and technical expertise to evaluate these patents without a model, which would sort of prove that the invention would work," says show curator Charles Robertson.

By the mid-1800s, as many as 100,000 people visited the Patent Office Building — now home to the American Art Museum — each year to gawk at the tiny contraptions. Most were about 1 cubic foot in size and created by artisans who ran nearby workshops serving patent-seekers (up to 25,000 annually). "They were all optimists," Robertson says. "You would patent your invention and make a fortune."

A few concepts on view, such as Abraham Morris' 1877 "Sofa Bedstead" and George M. Evans' 1887 "Extension Ladder," laid the foundation for future innovations. Others, such as an unsuccessful (and expensive) 1870 attempt to improve the mousetrap, did not. But if it weren't for the positive-thinking spirit of America's early inventors, we might never have the chance to appreciate their bright ideas — or improvements on them — today.

KATIE ABERBACH (EXPRESS)

● *Smithsonian American Art Museum, 8th and F streets NW; through Nov. 3, 2013, free; 202-633-7970, Americanart.si.edu. (Gallery Place)*

Background

It's Personal

The show is sourced from the 4,000-piece private collection of Alan Rothschild. The inventor, who holds a patent for an electronic label system to flag expiration dates, displays hundreds of the miniatures in his Rothschild Peterson Patent Model Museum in Cazenovia, N.Y. K.A.

Framing a Nation's Inequality

A new show features early photos by 'Shaft' director Gordon Parks

Exhibits

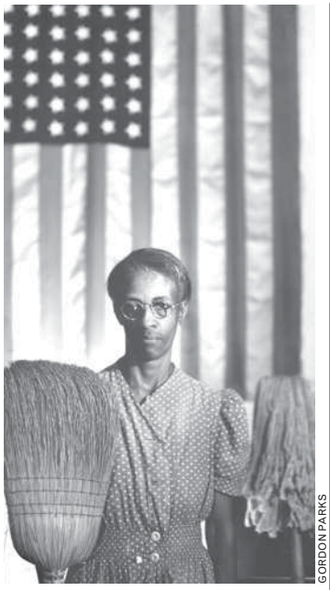
Pioneering African-American photographer Gordon Parks, who was born in Kansas in 1912, made his reputation traveling the world for Life magazine. But he began his career in Washington on a photo fellowship from the Farm Security Administration in the early 1940s.

"It was really his first professional work as a photographer," says Philip Brookman, chief curator and head of research at the Corcoran Gallery of Art, where "Gordon Parks: Photographs From the Collection" is on view through Jan. 16.

The show draws from more than 300 photos Parks donated to the Corcoran in 1998, eight years before his death in 2006. The gallery timed the exhibition to complement "30 Americans," a collection of works by contemporary African-American artists that runs through Feb. 12, Brookman says. "I wanted to show the work of a photographer who inspired that work," he says.

The smaller Parks exhibition opens with a Washington-centric image, 1942's "American Gothic, Washington, D.C." The photo depicts Ella Watson, a member of the FSA building's cleaning crew, in a pose that recalls American painter Grant Wood's iconic 1930 portrait of a Midwestern farmer and his daughter.

Parks addressed issues of race in his photographs, but he was not always comfortable being confrontational. While "American Gothic, Washington, D.C." clearly expressed Parks' indignation at the city's racial segregation, he felt in later years that the photo was too blunt in its approach. "I learned I couldn't just make a portrait of a bigot and label it 'bigot,'" he once said of his overall development as a photographer, according to Brookman.



GORDON PARKS

"American Gothic, Washington, D.C." references Grant Wood's iconic portrait.

> **"The most potent lesson he learned was that he needed to create an image that was complex."**
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> — **PHILIP BROOKMAN,** CURATOR OF THE CORCORAN'S NEW SHOW OF WORKS BY PHOTOGRAPHER GORDON PARKS.

"Probably the most potent lesson he learned" in Washington, Brookman says, "was that he needed to create an image that was complex."

Parks befriended Watson and continued to photograph her. In fact, Brookman says, he started seeing relationship-building as a creative technique. "He learned to take the time to get to know people."

This approach served Parks well in his later work for Life, gaining him access to subjects such as young victims of extreme poverty in Brazil, gang leaders in Harlem and leaders of the civil rights movement across America.

Parks — who later branched out into writing, music and film directing (1971's "Shaft") — may have started as an outsider, but he turned that into a strength, Brookman says. "He was able to photograph subjects that other photographers might not have been able to." MARK JENKINS

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Just Like a Preyer

Exhibits

Which pastime is really "the sport of kings" is a hotly disputed matter. Our money is on falconry (take that, horse racing and fox hunting!), the practice of training falcons, owls, hawks and other birds of prey to hunt for sport. National Geographic is hosting a falconry workshop to complement its "Anglo-Saxon Hoard" exhibit; see the Raptor Conservancy of Virginia and Virginia Falconers' Association in action on Saturday. FIONA ZUBLIN (EXPRESS)

If you're a falconer:

Seventy percent of the chicken hawk's brain is devoted to eyesight, but it isn't so great with face recognition. "You don't need to wear the same clothes [every time you see the bird], but no fancy accessories," says Kelley Seay, the National Geographic staffer who organizes the falconry workshops. "If you suddenly have sunglasses on, the birds might not recognize you."

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

If you're a spectator:

Stay out of the birds' flight paths — they might not fly to their trainers if there's a crowd in the way. Do not touch, address or try to hold the birds.

If you're a bird of prey:

At a recent workshop, a bird tethered to a glove tried to fly away, causing it to perform undignified flips. Also, those magic barriers to the offices are windows, and no amount of pecking will make them disappear.

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JOHN PEETS

From left, Hacienda members Jaime Villanueva, Dante Schwebel, Rene Villanueva and Abraham Villanueva got an assist from the Black Keys' Dan Auerbach on their third LP.

Relative Teamwork

Family band Hacienda finds a producer and mentor in the Black Keys' Dan Auerbach

Music

When you're in a band with three cousins who are all brothers, disagreements are bound to arise. "Family that works together can be a chore to be around," says Hacienda singer/guitarist Dante Schwebel. "We can be a handful."

Luckily, the four relatives in Hacienda met their producer and mentor, the Black Keys' Dan Auerbach, before they even knew what they were doing. "When we did the first [album], we were hardly a band. We were family just writing demos of songs together," Schwebel says of 2008's "Loud Is the Night."

Auerbach has since served as Hacienda's unofficial fifth member, managing its personalities in the studio, acting as tiebreaker when needed and producing the group's records. "He's not afraid to be critical, like: 'Sorry, man, this sounds like [expletive]; you need to start over,'" Schwebel says. Auerbach also took the group on the road in 2009 as the opener and backing band for his first and only solo tour.

So on the San Antonio-based band's forthcoming, as-yet-untitled third LP (due next spring), the group let Auerbach take the reins. On top of producing and engineering the record, he also picked the songs. "We brought him the demos and he said, 'This is where you need to go. I know what band you've been, I know what band you want to be, but I know what band you can be,'" Schwebel says.

Auerbach's fingerprints are all over the disc's first single, "Savage," a funky, disco-indebted track that's unlike anything Hacienda's recorded. "There's really nothing else on the record that sounds like 'Savage,'" Schwebel says. "Dan had the idea to make it this dance number, a kind of back-and-forth."

The rest of the album should fall in line with the soulful, garage-y roots rock heard on the debut and 2010's "Big Red & Barbacoa." "For the most part, it's a pretty fast, uptempo rock 'n' roll record," Schwebel says. "It's really easy to play live, which is great because the first two records we had no idea what to do with ourselves live — we had to turn [the songs] upside down." RUDI GREENBERG (EXPRESS)

● *9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; with City and Colour, Daniel Romano; Sat., 8 p.m., sold out; 202-265-0930, 930.com. (U St.-Cardozo)*

Tours

Feels Like the First Time

Auerbach

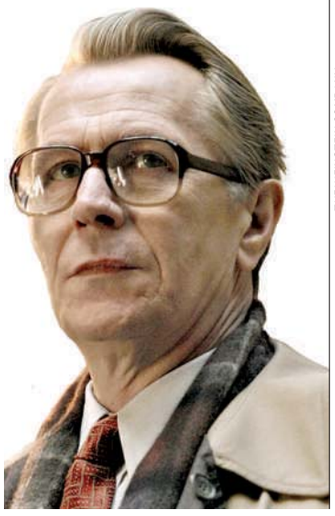
The last time the members of Hacienda played at the 9:30 Club, they opened for and performed with Dan Auerbach and the Fast Five, a group that also included My Morning Jacket's Patrick Hallahan. That February 2009 gig, the Fast Five's first, came just before the wave of popularity that washed over the Black Keys in 2010. "Something special about that tour," Schwebel says, "was every now and again during one of our 25 solos, Dan would kind of creep up and have a big smile on his face ... and be, like, 'Man, what are we doing?' And I'd be, like, 'Man, I don't know; I'm just following you.' I think he was surprised that he could [tour under his name]. It was pretty special because it was still somewhat contained." R.G.

Winter Winners

Here come gray skies, cold temperatures and idiots who don't clear all the snow off the roof of their car. But winter also brings some of the best cinema of the year. While big, loud movies dominate the summer, December is for awards bait, as studios release films before the Oscar deadline. Here are four we expect will take home trophies when spring rolls around. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy

In contention for: Best Picture, Best Actor (Gary Oldman)
Release date: Dec. 16
Based on John le Carré's spy thriller, this film is the antithesis of "Mission Impossible: Ghost Protocol," also out this month. Oldman plays George Smiley, a man out to catch a mole. Known for his often-frenetic performances, Oldman turns down the volume here but maintains a stunning intensity in this smart, stylish thriller.



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The Artist

In contention for: Just about everything
Release date: Dec. 25
It's already taken a ton of awards, and there should be no stopping this silent (yes), black-and-white (again, yes), film at the Oscars. French actors Jean Dujardin and Bérénice Bejo, above, play old-time Hollywood stars whose careers and lives touch as she's on the rise and he's tumbling down. It's the funniest, saddest, most beautiful film you never expected to see in 2011.

The Adventures Of Tintin

In contention for: Best Visual Effects or Best Animated Film
Release date: Dec. 21
We're not sure whether this Steven Spielberg-directed film, which uses a combination of animation and live actors à la "The Polar Express" (though much better), counts as a cartoon. Either way, it should get recognition for its spectacular use of 3-D and sweeping scenery. It's an adventure reminiscent of the "Indiana Jones" movies; even those who've never read the Hergé comics will enjoy it.

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Pariah

In contention for: Best Actress (Adepero Oduye, above), Best Screenplay (Dee Rees)
Release Date: In D.C., Jan 6
Other cities get it in time for the Oscar deadline, but we have to wait for the new year to see rookie director Rees and little-known actress Oduye explode onto the scene. Oduye plays Alike, an African-American lesbian teenager dealing with questions of sexuality, gender norms and family tensions. As Audrey, Alike's mother, Kim Wayans gives a nuanced, powerful performance you never thought possible if you remember her only from "In Living Color."

film riffs

FOX

Tales of the Sitter

"THE SITTER," starring Jonah Hill as an incompetent child-care provider, opens Friday. If you don't want to get a sitter to see "The Sitter," you can always stay home and watch these other films about the teens (and adults) who care for our kids and go through our drawers. K.P.K.

1 Chris Parker
You know what makes Elisabeth Shue's character in 1987's "Adventures in Babysitting" so good? It's not the whole saves-the-kids-from-certain-death thing; it's that she doesn't mind that the one kid thinks she's Thor.

2 Tracey Brown
The excellent, little-seen 1994 film "Exotica" is, at least in part, a meditation on the awkward, weirdly intimate time when Dad (Bruce Greenwood) drives the sitter (Sarah Polley) home.

3 Mrs. Doubtfire
Robin Williams becomes 1993's perfect nanny only after he starts dressing as a woman and speaking in a muddled, vaguely British accent. Add a hat and an umbrella, and he's Mary Poppins. Speaking of ...

4 Mary Poppins
How do you get the kids to clean their rooms? As Julie Andrews sang in 1964, bribe them with sugar. Wait, is that not what the song means?

5 The Hand That Rocks The Cradle
When hiring a child-care provider (Rebecca De Mornay, in this 1992 hit), be sure to check her references. And be sure you're not the one whose testimony sent her husband to jail. And be sure she's not a total psychopath.

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Edouard Bamporiki plays Emmanuel, who sees both evil and redemption during the Rwandan genocide, in "Kinyarwanda."

Finding Sanctuary

"Hotel Rwanda," released in 2004, was a gut-punch of a film about a hotel manager who created a refuge during the African nation's 1994 genocide. "Kinyarwanda," opening Friday at the West End Cinema, is a similar story with a different angle. During the conflict, the Mufti of Rwanda, the country's most respected Muslim leader, issued an edict forbidding Muslims from participating in the killing of the Tutsi people. Eventually, mosques became a place where both Hutus and Tutsis, regardless of faith, could come together and escape the violence. The film tells the story of six people, including a child, an imam and a priest; Alrick Brown, the writer and director, based his film on true stories. Brown will appear for a Q&A after the screening Friday. ► *West End Cinema, 2301 M St. NW; $8-$11; 202-419-3456, Westendcinema.com. (Foggy Bottom)*

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1 Meditation Music

Cheap Trick is not a heady band. Since 1977, Rick Nielsen, shown, and company have just wanted to rock with multiple double-necked guitars and lots of leaping around onstage, creaky middle-aged joints be damned. And though they are goofy, there are some thinky words to live by buried in their syrupy-sweet hits: "Surrender, surrender/But don't give yourself away." It's practically a Zen koan, but with power chords. ➜ *Fillmore, 8656 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; Sat., 8 p.m., $45; 301-960-9999, Fillmoresilverspring.com. (Silver Spring)*

2 Jingle Bell Rock ('n' Roll)

Is the Rock-N-Shop really more rock 'n' roll than any of the other gazillion crafty markets that pop up in D.C. this time of year? It's less cheery and candy cane-focused, more like a cool beatnik garage sale — and it takes place at night, so after you go buy presents for your grandmother at Eastern Market or wherever, you can hit this up to find the perfect concert tee for your significant other. ➜ *Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; Sun., 8 p.m., free; 202-667-7960, Blackcatdc.com. (U St.-Cardozo)*

3 Walkin' Around Civil War Town

December is the last gasp of the Civil War sesquicentennial, and Old Town Alexandria is kicking it 1860s style. Candlelight tours stop at Gadsby's Tavern Museum and three other historic sites; on Sunday between 1 and 5 p.m., stop by the Alexandria Archaeology Museum (105 N. Union St. #327) to view a Peeps diorama depicting the death of Elmer Ellsworth, one of the Civil War's first casualties. ➜ *Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St.; Sat., 6-9 p.m., Sun., 3-6 p.m., $5-$20; 703-746-4242, Historicalexandria.org.*

5 French Bliss

Singer Jane Birkin (for whom the Hermes Birkin bag was named, though she says she no longer carries one herself) became famous as the breathy British muse of French musician/filmmaker Serge Gainsbourg. (She also had a daughter with him, singer Charlotte Gainsbourg.) Birkin, shown, still performs Serge's songs, and during her Friday gig, she'll be backed by some cool Japanese jazz musicians to boot. ➜ *9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Fri., 6 p.m., $35; 202-265-0930, 930.com. (U St.-Cardozo)*

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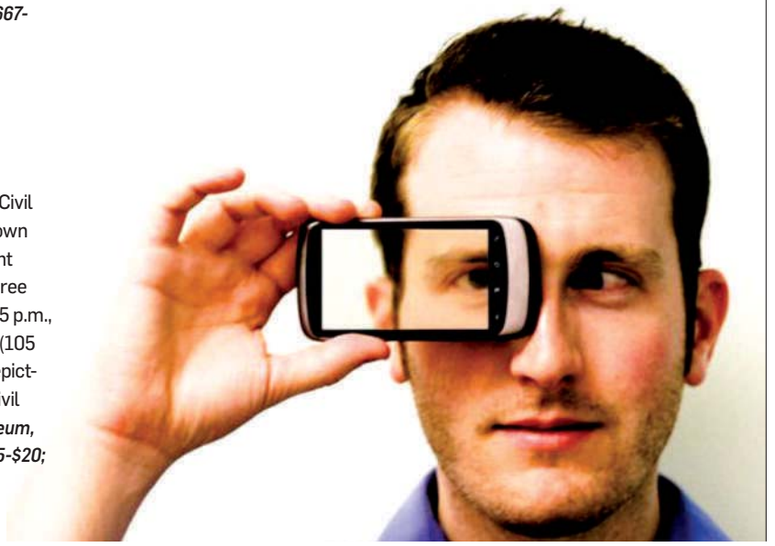
4 No-Privacy Policy

Performance art: There's an app for that. "E-Geaux" (pronounced "ego") stars Joseph Price, shown, as a tech entrepreneur shilling his new social networking app. Using data from audience members' Facebook profiles, he demonstrates E-Geaux's functionality in a show that walks the line between hilarious and unsettling. Bring your Apple or Android device so you can play along. (Yes, they delete your data after the show.) ➜ *Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; Thu., 7 and 9 p.m., $15; 703-875-1100, Artisphere.com. (Rosslyn)*



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THURSDAY

9:30 Club: Beady Eye, Black Box Revelation, 7 p.m., $40.

Birchmere: Jars of Clay, Drew Holcomb & the Neighbors, 7:30 p.m., $29.50.

Black Cat: Les Nubians, Akua Allrich, 8 p.m., $20 in advance, $25 at the door.

Blues Alley: "Marcus Johnson's Holiday Party," 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., $27.50.

DC9: Stereosleep, the XOs, Ugly, 8:30 p.m., $8.

Iota: Kathryn Calder, Himalayan Bear, 8:30 p.m., $12.

Jammin' Java: Emerson Hart, Quincy Mumford, 8 p.m., $20.

Kennedy Center/Concert Hall: Canadian Tenors, 7 p.m., 8 p.m., $20-$85.

Kennedy Center/Millennium Stage: Marcelo Jeneci, 6 p.m., free.

Kennedy Center/Terrace Theater: American Ballet Theatre: The Nutcracker, 7:30 p.m., $45-$115.

Music Center at Strathmore: Baltimore Symphony Orchestra Holiday Concert, 8 p.m., $28-$88.

Rams Head Tavern: "Peter White's Christmas," 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., $49.50.

Red Palace: The Blood Ballet Cabaret, 8 p.m., $10.

Rock & Roll Hotel: Grieves & Budo, K.Flay, Cheyne, 9 p.m., $12 in advance, $14 at the door.

U Street Music Hall: Monarchy, Xaphoon Jones, Xylos, Edwin Van Cleef, 8 p.m., $10.

Velvet Lounge: GroundScore, Pasadena, 9 p.m., $8-$10.

FRIDAY

9:30 Club: Jane Birkin, 6 p.m., $35; Scythian's Ugly Christmas Sweater Party. With Yamomanem and Second String Band., 10 p.m., $15.

Birchmere: Vanilla Fudge, 7:30 p.m., $29.50.

Black Cat: Oh Land, Savoir Adore, 9 p.m., $13 in advance, $15 at the door; "Some Like It Funk," 9:30 p.m., $5; Friday Night Frights, 7-8:30 p.m., free.

Black Rock Center for the Arts: Lloyd Dobler Effect Holiday Show, 8 p.m., $15.

Bohemian Caverns: "Tim Warfield's

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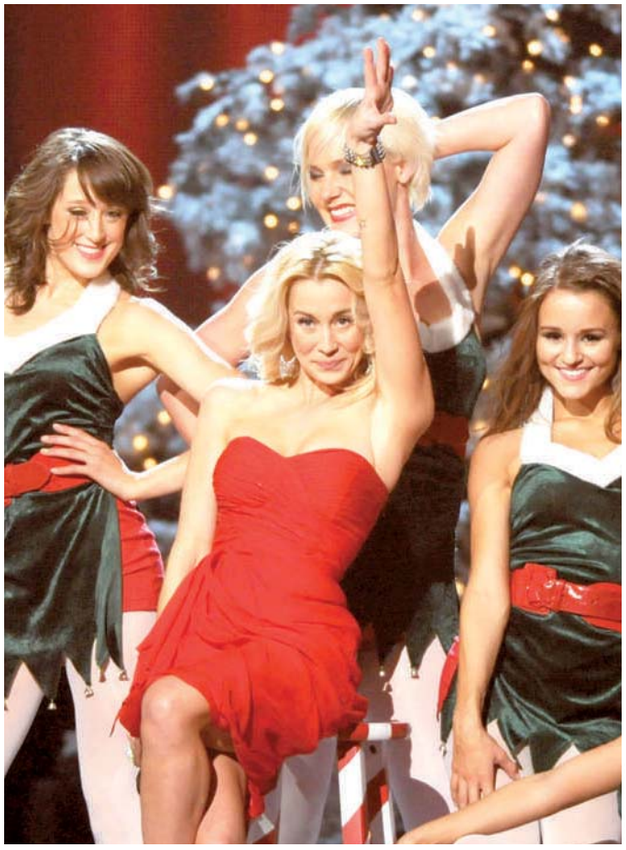

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'IDOL' ALUMNA: Country siren Kellie Pickler, center, is one of the many "American Idol" contestants to parlay her stint on that show into a successful music career. On Sunday, she's at WMZQ Winterfest at the Patriot Center with Rodney Atkins.

Jazzy Christmas Show," 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., $25.

Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center: "Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols," 8 p.m., $15; seniors, $10; students, $5.

Comet Ping Pong: The Jet Age, Deathfix, the Mean Ideas, 10 p.m., $10.

DAR Constitution Hall: "A Holiday Festival," 3 p.m., 8 p.m., free, tickets required.

DC9: "Liberation Dance Party," 9 p.m., $7.

George Washington University/Lisner Auditorium: Washington Revels present the Christmas Revels, 7:30 p.m., $18-$45, youth $9-$20.25.

Iota: Honor by August, Red Wanting Blue, Owen Danoff, 9 p.m., $12.

Jammin' Java: Graham Colton, Steve Moakler, 8 p.m., $15.

Kennedy Center/Millennium Stage: Classical chamber music concert, 6 p.m., free; "The Greatest Holiday Party of All," 9:30 p.m., free.

Music Center at Strathmore: Ramsey Lewis: Sun Goddess Tour, 8 p.m., $28-$68.

Rams Head Tavern: Savoy Brown, 8:30 p.m., $23.50.

Red Palace: DJ Petworth, 10 p.m., free; Black Hills, Aislyn, Big/Bright, 9 p.m., $8.

Rock & Roll Hotel: "Clockwork," 9:30 p.m., free; Futurebirds, Grass Giraffes, 9 p.m., $15.

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State Theatre: Almost Queen, Jac&Jill, 9 p.m., $12 in advance, $15 at the door.

Twins Jazz: Nasar Abadey and Supernova, Joe Ford, 9 p.m. and 11 p.m., $15.

U Street Music Hall: Francois K, the Miracles Club, Beautiful Swimmers, 10 p.m., free before 11 p.m. for 21 and over; $10 otherwise.

Velvet Lounge: Dance for the Dying, the National Rifle, Bearshark, 10 p.m., $8.

SATURDAY

9:30 Club: City and Colour, Hacienda, Sold out.

Birchmere: 1964: The Tribute, 7:30 p.m., $35.

Black Cat: "The Greasy Chicken," 9:30 p.m., free; "Mixtape," 9:30 p.m., $10.

Black Rock Center for the Arts: "A Charlie Brown Christmas," 1 p.m., sold out.

DC9: Nerd Nite, 7 p.m., $10; "Nerd Nite After Party," 10:30 p.m., free.

George Mason University: "WMZQ Winter Fest," 5:30 p.m., $30-$55.

Iota: Honor by August, Red Wanting Blue, 9 p.m., $12.

Jammin' Java: "The Lopez Studios Annual Christmas Concert," 2 p.m., $15-$25; Michael Tolcher, 7 p.m., $15; NoCo, the Only, 10 p.m., $10 in advance, $13 at the door.

Kennedy Center/Millennium Stage: The Fender Benders concert, 6 p.m., free.

Kennedy Center/Terrace Theater: NPR's A Jazz Piano Christmas, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., $45-$55.

Music Center at Strathmore: National Philharmonic, 8 p.m., 3 p.m., $32, ages 7 to 17 free.

Rams Head Tavern: Ximena Sarinana, Graffiti6, 1 p.m., $15; Paula Poundstone, 9:30 p.m., $38.50.

Red Palace: "Edit," 10 p.m., free.

Rock & Roll Hotel: "GKYK," 9:30 p.m., free.

State Theatre: The John K Band, Sanjay Mishra Quartet, 9 p.m., $10 in advance, $12 at the door.

U Street Music Hall: The Whole Damme Delegation, ReemStarr, 7 p.m., $10; "Nouveau Riche," 10 p.m., $10.

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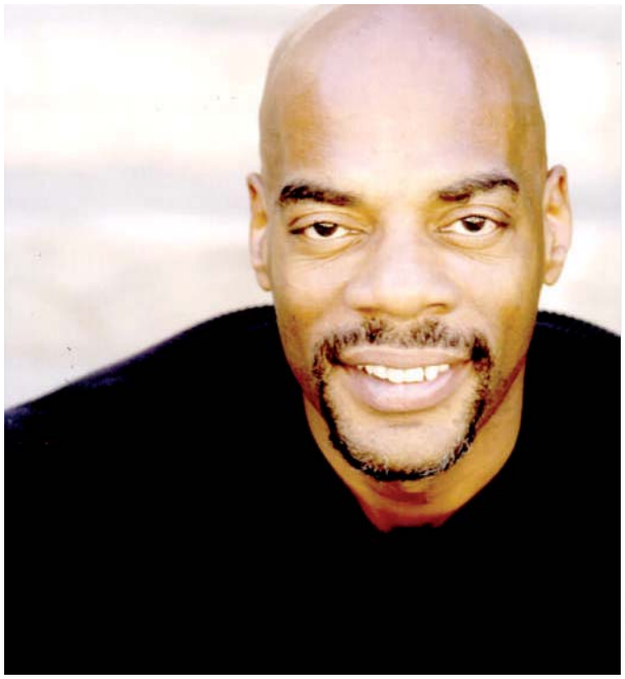

ALONZO BOLDIN

CAREER TAKEOFF: Alonzo Boldin used to repair jets for a living — then he won NBC's "Last Coming Standing" in 2005, and he started making funny full time. Boldin's a regular on the talk show circuit, and this weekend, he's at the DC Improv.

SUNDAY

9:30 Club: Band of Horses, 7 p.m., sold out.

Birchmere: Avery Sunshine, Trina Broussard, 7:30 p.m., $25.

Black Cat: Rock-n-Shop, 8 p.m., free.

Bohemian Caverns: "A Bohemian Christmas," 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., $15.

Galaxy Hut: "Cricket Cemetery Showcase II," 9 p.m., $5.

Iota: Noam Pikelny, Tim O'Brien, Aoife O'Donovan, 8:30 p.m., $17.

Jammin' Java: No Admittance, Half Brother, the Jefferson Davis Highway String Band, 1 p.m., $10 in advance, $13 at the door; the Love Light, Aim For the Weekend, Forever Is Forever, 7 p.m., $10 in advance, $13 at the door.

Jaxx: Mayhem, Keep of Kalessin, Hate, Abigail Williams, 6 p.m., $23 in advance, $27 at the door, $55 VIP.

Kennedy Center/Millennium Stage: "Soldier Stories," 6 p.m., free.

Music Center at Strathmore: Strathmore Family Sings: Christmas Music with Betty Scott, 4 p.m., $7.

Rams Head Tavern: 1964: The Tribute, 8 p.m., $42; Duncan Sheik,

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12:30 p.m., $25.

Twins Jazz: Anita King, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., $10.

Velvet Lounge: Petal Shop, Steve Hung, Green River Junction, 10 p.m., $8-$10. p.m., $10.

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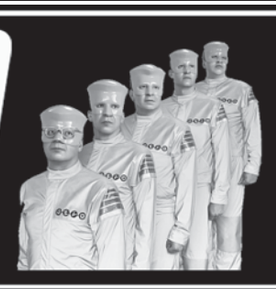

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photographer's images capture Southwest D.C. neighborhoods in the 1940s and the rise of Puerto Rico, through Wed. "Seismic Dream: Sculpture and Sound Installation by Firestone & Buchanan," as twisted steel moves between rooms and through walls, the artists aim to convey a dreamlike state, through Wed. "Wayne Barrar: An Expanding Subterra," photographs of subterranean work sites, power stations, storage facilities, offices and homes, through Wed. Katzen Arts Center, 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-885-1300, American.edu/katzen.

Arlington Arts Center: "Fall Solos 2011," works by Arden Bendler Browning, David D'Orio, Matt Dunn, Jason Irla, Stephanie Elaine Robbins, Rachel Sitkin and Chloe Watson, through Dec. 30. 3550 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-248-6800, Findyourartist.org.

Art Museum of the Americas: "Traveling Light: 5 Chilean Artists And Common Place," site-specific art installations by Catalina Bauer, Rodrigo Canala, Rodrigo Galecio, Gerardo Pulido and Tomas Rivas that focus on contemporary art and its interconnection with politics, through Jan. 22. 201 18th St. NW; 202-458-6016, Museum.oas.org.

Arthur M. Sackler Gallery: "Family Matters: Portraits From the Qing Court," portraits, jewelry and other objects from the imperial family that shaped the Qing Dynasty from the early to mid-18th century, "Powerplay: China's Empress Dowager," Chinese dynastic tradition meets modern photographic techniques and aesthetics in this series of photographs capturing the Grand Empress Dowager Cixi, through Jan. 29. "Reinventing the Wheel: Japanese Ceramics 1930 to 2000," recent Japanese pottery that reflects how potters used ancient methods to create modern forms. 1050 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-1000, Asia.si.edu.

Artisphere: "At Home in Virginia,"

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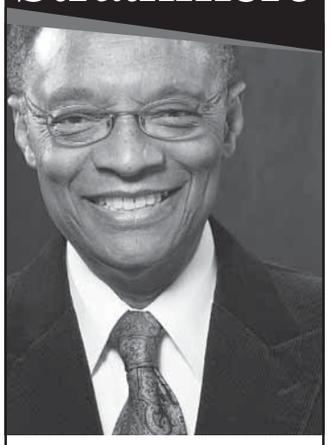

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items handmade by Virginia artisans show how art can become more than something to look at, through Jan. 8. "Data/Fields," a new media installation in which the viewer facilitates the transmission of visual and audio data, through Sun. "Project 2011: Face to Face," an exhibit of installations by local artists who worked with visiting artists from Arlington's sister city of Aachen, Germany, through Sun. "Robert Hoffman: The Largest Collection of Handcrafted Harmonica Cases in the World," harmonica cases created by Robert "Hoff" Hoffman with help from many artists across the country will be on display, through Jan. 28. 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-875-1100, Artisphere.com.

Athenaeum: Into the Light, a striking display of two artistic mediums, featuring ceramicist Victoria Shaheen's installation made up of life-size light bulb clusters that play with light and shadow, and photographer Esther Yi's silver gelatin prints, that imbue classical fine art images with a degraded, peeling appearance, through Jan. 22. 201 Prince St., Alexandria; 703-548-0035, Nvfaa.org.

Conner Contemporary Art: "The Welcome Guest" and "Scenes of Mild Peril," twin solo shows by Patricia Piccinini and Victoria F. Gaitan, through Dec. 17. 1358-60 Florida Ave. NE; 202-588-8750, Connercontemporary.com.

Corcoran Gallery of Art: For their first exhibition in the United States, Australian artists Claire Healy and Sean Cordeiro will explore the aspiration of space travel with the necessity of food consumption. Working with statistics related to food, beverages, and

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NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART, WASHINGTON, GIFT OF THE CALLAHAN FAMILY

ATTACK OF THE 50-FOOT WOMAN: "Henry Callahan at 100" at the National Gallery of Art includes 34 photos given to the gallery by his family. "Atlanta," above, is one of the works. The family probably didn't have a room that it looked good in.

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household goods, the artistic duo propose to physically illustrate what an astronaut — consuming only the goods of the "everyman" — would require on a journey to Mars. At the conclusion of the exhibition, the contents of the display will be given away, creating an event to highlight existing cycles of production, consumption and distribution, through March 11. "30 Americans," a survey of work by African-American artists from the past 30 years, through Feb. 12. "Claire Healy and Sean Cordeiro: Are We There Yet?," the Australian artists show how much food, calculated with statistics, it would take for an astronaut to remain well-fed during a journey to Mars, through March 11. "Strange Fruit," an exploration of African-American identity through photographs and video works by Hank Willis Thomas, through Jan. 16. 500 17th St. NW; 202-639-1700, Corcoran.org.

Folger Shakespeare Library: "Manifold Greatness: The Creation and Afterlife of the King James Bible," this exhibit explores the translation and influence of the King James Bible, through Jan. 15. 201 East Capitol St. SE; 202-544-4600, Folger.edu.

Foundry Gallery: "Lens. Paper? Canvas!," photography by Sarah Alexander, through Dec. 30. 1314 18th St. NW; 202-463-0203.

Freer Gallery of Art: "Ancient Chinese Jades and Bronzes," more than 100 pieces in jade and bronze showing the Liangzhu culture and its impact on future art; "Arts of Japan," springtime cherry blossoms and cherry maples are only a small sample of how the seasons influence Japanese art, through March 4. "Chinese Ceramics: 10th-13th Century," pottery from the Song dynasty (960-1279); "Chinese Flowers," part of the museum's ongoing "Seasons" exhibition, view paintings of Chinese flora specific to each quarter of the calendar, through Jan. 8. "Cranes and Clouds: The Korean Art of Ceramic Inlay," an exhibit of Korean ceramic decoration known as sanggam, the technique of inlaying white and black pigments to create figures; "Japanese Screens," part of the museum's ongoing "Seasons" exhibition, a rotating set of screens painted to match different times of year, through Jan. 22. "Silk Road Luxuries From China," gold and silver objects and other luxury items made in China from the sixth through eighth centuries; "Sweet Silent Thought: Whistler's Interiors," a look at the recurring themes of reading, music, reverie and studio practice in the works of James McNeill Whistler, through July 1. "Tea," from stoneware to porcelain, tea utensils demonstrate the changing of the seasons, through March 4. "The Peacock Room Comes to America," some of the museum's most iconic pieces will be displayed in a room, designed by James McNeill Whistler, that is meant to re-create a room in the home of the museum's founder, Charles Lang Freer, Jefferson Drive and 12th Street SW; 202-633-1000, Asia.si.edu.

Gallery 555: "'Tis the Season," works by Laurie Breen, Daniel Calder, Julie Girardini, Jodi, Ron Loyd, Georgia Nassikas, Novie Trump and Lisa Rosenstein, through Jan. 13. 555 12th St. NW; 202-393-1409, Gallery555dc.com.

Gateway Arts Center: "Created in Our Own Way," works by Malika Bryant, Justin Fair and Jeanne Sullivan reflect images of self, through Dec. 17. 3901 Rhode Island Ave., Brentwood; 301-864-3860.

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Hugo 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 4:20-7:30-10:20
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1 (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (!) 1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00
Happy Feet Two: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) IMAX 3D: 1:50-4:30-7:10-9:40
Tower Heist (PG-13) CC-Closed Captions: 2:20-5:00-7:45-10:25
The Descendants (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: (!) 1:40-3:40-4:40-6:50-7:50-10:30
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The Sitter (R) Special 12:01AM: (!) 12:01AM
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The Muppets (PG) (!) 1:30-4:25-7:20-10:00

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Melancholia (R) 1:30-4:30-7:30
My Week with Marilyn (R) 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:40
The Other F Word (NR) 1:40-3:40-5:40-7:40-9:40
Shame (NC-17) (!) 12:30-2:00-3:00-4:30-5:30-7:00-8:00-9:30

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The Women on the 6th Floor (Les femmes du 6eme etage) (NR) English Subtitles: 2:20-9:00
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The Swell Season (NR) 4:40
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The Muppet Movie (G) 4:45
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Reuniting the Rubins (NR) NO PASSES: (!) 9:15

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Arthur Christmas (PG) Digital Presentation: 4:45
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AMC Loews White Flint 5
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Jack and Jill (PG) 2:50-5:15-7:40-10:05

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Anonymous (PG-13) 1:25-6:45
Take Shelter (R) 4:10-9:35
Like Crazy (PG-13) 1:10-3:20-5:30-7:45-9:55
Martha Marcy May Marlene (R) 1:50-4:30-9:40
Oranges and Sunshine (NR) 2:30
The Descendants (R) 1:30-3:15-4:15-5:15-6:00-7:00-8:00-8:45-9:45
Melancholia (R) 2:15-5:15-8:15
My Week with Marilyn (R) 2:20-4:45-7:30-9:50

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— **RODNEY HENRY**
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The Kitchen Ink

Tattoos of food rule the restaurant world, from the front of the house to the back

Trends

Watch any episode of "Top Chef" and one thing becomes abundantly clear: Chefs like their ink. "We're really artistic, and [tattoos] are one way of showing that," says Hamilton Johnson, chef de cuisine at Vidalia.

Johnson has "over 100" tattoos, depending on how you count ("My left arm is all together, but it's numerous tattoos"). Seven of Johnson's tats are related to food, assuming you count a California raisin singing into a microphone; the others are a peach, a lemon, a piece of key lime pie, a waffle fry with ketchup on it, a cherry and a Vidalia onion.

The onion came with a condition: Staffers at Vidalia are allowed to get the restaurant's logo tattooed on their bodies, but only after they have put in a year's work. "You don't have to get it," Johnson says. "But you can get it anywhere, any size." This isn't a benefit covered by HR. "The restaurant doesn't pay for it or anything."

Johnson isn't done yet. "I'd like something dealing with bacon or pork," he says. "But I don't want to get the cliché section of cuts. I want something no one else has."

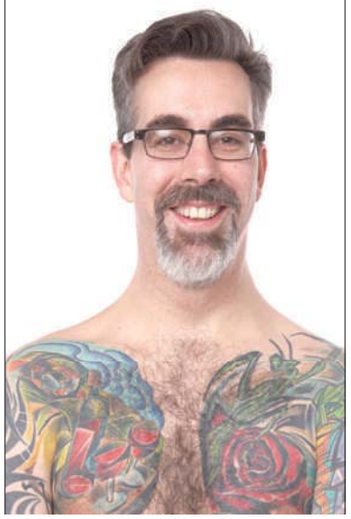
On the Sweeter Side

Rodney Henry, the founder of Dangerously Delicious Pies, may or may not have a tattoo no one else has: a large pie across his upper back. "I'm not sure what kind of pie it is," he says. "But in my mind, it's apple."

Henry got the ink in 1998 (it took about six hours straight) before opening his business: "I was in the pie underground." Chefs get food tattoos, he theorizes, because "it's their passion. People who dig girls get tattoos of pinups. People who are into music get guitars or Johnny Cash or Jimi Hendrix." Out of Henry's "25 or 30" tattoos, most are "whiskey-related. Whiskey and music and religion."

"I like to think that tattoos on the sommelier ... puts some people at ease."

— **ANDREW MYERS**
SOMMELIER AT CITYZEN



Trick Up His Sleeve

Confined to the kitchen, most chefs don't get to show off their ink to customers. But Andrew Myers, sommelier at Cityzen, and his 35 to 40 tattoos are front and center — kind of. "The edges of my sleeves tend to poke out a bit" from the suit he wears, he says. "I do get comments from time to time. Never anything negative, which shows how far being a tattooed member of society has come, thankfully."

In fact, Myers thinks a little ink actually takes the edge off his job. "Fine dining can be a bit intimidating for guests sometimes, so I like to think that tattoos on the sommelier — a position once only populated by stuffy Frenchmen — puts some people at ease."

Myers sports three to five food-related tattoos ("depending how you count them,") most concentrated on the "garden sleeve" on his left arm, which also features flowers, bugs and critters. "I knew I wanted to do something food-related and had the idea of the radish, which reminded me of my grandfather's garden, where he and I used to spend time when he was alive." His favorite, though, is a "cubist take on a carrot. You don't see lots of orange in tattooing. The lines are bold and exciting and, given that I'm nearly blind without my glasses, its placement [on the inside of the upper arm] makes it the first thing I see every morning."

"I'd like something dealing with bacon or pork. But I don't want to get the cliché section of cuts. I want something no one else has."

— **HAMILTON JOHNSON**
CHEF DE CUISINE AT VIDALIA

Myers thinks tattoos and food workers go together like, well, bacon and pretty much everything. "Unless you're just working restaurants for a short pay-for-college-type stint, there's probably something about you that's not quite right," he says. Moreover, "we take pain to and from every shift. So, if you take pain because you feel that you have to professionally, it can be nice to take an equal measure of pain because you want to."

KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

History Repeats

The Federalist shows American roots with its menu and decor

First Bite

"Washington is really long on great palaces and convention hotels," says Michael Phillips, a managing director at the Atlanta-based Jamestown Properties, which bought the Madison Hotel for almost $93 million in January.

For the subsequent makeover of the 15-story property, including its main restaurant, the real estate investment firm looked back in time to establish a distinctive identity. The owners resurrected a name that had been used earlier in the life of the Madison, the Federalist, and it hired a chef, Harper McClure, who has worked in some of the city's more tradition-bound kitchens, French-grounded Marcel's and Southern-accented Vidalia.

Unlike Palette, the trendy dining room with frosted windows that preceded the Federalist, the replacement strikes a convivial pose on the corner of 15th and M streets. Gas lanterns, for instance, illuminate the facade. "We wanted to create a neighborhood restaurant" rather than "a big, glossy concept restaurant," says Phillips, and to highlight food that reflects the country's origins.

New York interior designer Dominick Coyne took into account the Madison's '60s modern style, its Washington location and the restaurant's name to come up with a bar and a series of dining areas that evoke the talk houses, or taverns, of the Federalist era. Walls paneled in stained oak suggest that our forefathers ate and drank in considerable comfort.

PHOTOS BY KATHERINE FREY/TWP

Stained oak and a palette of pewter, red and black recall taverns of the Federalist era.

Ground chicken and leeks in a clarified chicken broth make a proper consomme.

In keeping with the theme, McClure, 30, put meat pies, turtle soup and syllabub (a frothy cream-and-wine-based dessert of British origin) on his opening menu. I appreciate the ideas more than some of their execution. The Federalist's leek and potato tart turns out to be flatbread spread with almost as much oil as the goat cheese and potato coins on its surface. Trout splayed over amaranth with the consistency of porridge tastes as beige as it looks. Barley risotto bests the flabby duck leg it supports, and braised, shredded veal beneath a saucer of pastry (the aforementioned meat pie) grows tiresome after two monochromatic bites.

Glimmers of promise pop up here and there. The not-too-sweet corn bread in the bread basket harks to the chef's time at Vidalia, and if you're looking for a proper consomme, try the old-fashioned notion: soft marbles of ground chicken and threads of leek float in a clarified chicken broth presented in a handsome pewter bowl.

Did food really have so much less flavor way back when? For the sake of our ancestors, I hope the Federalist is misreading history.

TOM SIETSEMA (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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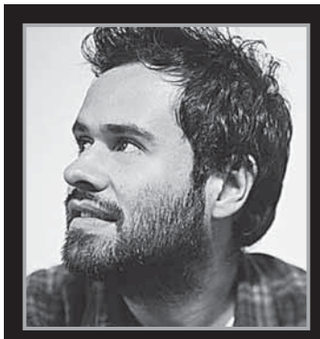
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Goethe-Institut: "On the Lakeshore ... and Other Stories: Photographer Iris Janke," works by contemporary German photographer Iris Janke and two American counterparts, Sara J. Winston and Kaitlin Jencso examine themes of self-identity, through Jan. 27. 812 Seventh St. NW; 202-289-1200, Goethe.de/ins/us/was/enindex.htm.

Hemphill: Robin Rose: The Big Payback, each of the paintings in "The Big Payback" is associated with a piece of music by one of Rose's musical heroes, through Dec. 23. Art Talk, a panel discussion on the relationship between art and music with Robin Rose, Bob Boilen and Robert Goldstein, Sat. 10-11:30 a.m. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-234-5601, Hemphillfinearts.com.

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden: "Andy Warhol: Shadows," it won't rank as high on the "Immediately Recognizable" scale as some of his indelible Pop Art, but Andy Warhol's late-career "Shadows" project, which consists of 102 brightly colored, silk-screened canvases that portray photographs of, well, shadows, is still one of the artist's more grandiose pieces of artistic criticism. Hung side-by-side, the paintings measure 450 linear feet

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and are meant to both suggest and mock the bold strokes of the abstract impressionist movement, through Jan. 15. "Directions: Empire 3," the exhibition examines the ongoing influence of Andy Warhol's groundbreaking film "Empire" (1964. The original work by Warhol will be displayed alongside "Bootleg (Empire)" (1997), an unauthorized videotaping of an "Empire" screening by Scottish artist Douglas Gordon, and "Empire 24/7" (1999-2004), a record of a live stream of still images of the Empire State Building by German Web-art pioneer Wolfgang Staehle, through Feb. 26. Seventh Street and Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, Hirshhorn.si.edu.

Honfleur: "The Fighting Season," photographs of the war in Afghanistan by Louie Palu, through Dec. 16. 1241 Good Hope Road SE; 202-536-8994, Honfleurgallery.com.

International Arts & Artists' Hillyer Art Space: "Edward Purcell: Head Wound," drawings by the artist recall illustration techniques used in early medical texts, through Dec. 23. "Nam Le: Cycles of Life," sculptures by the artist focus on the repetitive, rotational or angular to reflect on the life cycles, through Dec. 23. 9 Hillyer Court NW; 202-338-0680, Artsandartists.org.

International Visions: "Stanley Agbontaen: A Celebration of Life," paintings by Nigerian artist Stanley Agbontaen capture the country's people and daily rituals, through Jan. 7. 2629 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-234-5112, Intervisions.com.

Koshland Science Museum: "Earth Lab: Degrees of Change," an interactive exhibit looking at climate change explores the effects and lets visitors decide the best response, Sixth and E streets NW; 202-334-1201, Koshland-science-museum.org.

Mexican Cultural Institute: "Conversacion," photography by Muriel Hasbun and Pablo Ortiz Monasterio, through Feb. 4. "Maremagnum," photography by Jordi Socias, through Feb. 4. 2829 16th St. NW; 202-728-1628, Portal.sre.gob.mx.

National Academy of Sciences, Keck Center: "Art and Science: Highlights From the Collection of the National Academy of Sciences," a display of artwork that explores the melding of arts and sciences, by appointment only, through April 2. 500 Fifth St. NW; 202-334-2436, Nationalacademies.org/arts.

National Air and Space Museum: "Barron Hilton: Pioneers of Flight Gallery," the museum's exhibit of aviation and rocketry in the 1920s and '30s reopened with additional artifacts, such as Anne Lindbergh's telegraph key, and hands-on activities for kids. Sixth Street and Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, Nasm.si.edu.

National Building Museum: "Investigating Where We Live," an exhibit of photographs and creative writing by Washington area middle and high school students who were given four weeks to interpret three neighborhoods in the District, through May 28. "Lego Architecture: Towering Ambition," architectural artist Adam Reed Tucker uses Lego blocks to re-create landmarks including the Empire State Building, through Sept. 3. "Unbuilt Washington," an examination of what Washington, D.C., could have looked like if some of the proposed designs for its most prominent buildings were realized, through

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May 28. "Walls Speak: The Narrative Art of Hildreth Meiere," Art Deco murals and mosaics by the artist who designed ornamentation for Radio City Music Hall and the Nebraska Capitol, through Jan. 2. 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448, Nbm.org.

National Gallery of Art, West Building: "A New Look: Samuel F. B. Morse's Gallery of the Louvre," an early artistic endeavor by the inventor of the telegraph, through July 8. "Harry Callahan at 100," an exhibit of pictures explores the entire career of the world-renowned photographer who took highly experimental photos, through March 4. "Text as Inspiration: Artists' Books and Literature," fourteen books of poetry and prose that artists have enhanced with visuals inspired by the text. Some are made by artist-bookmakers; others are titles by familiar authors who tapped certain artists to add artwork such as prints, drawings and paper sculpture, through Jan. 29. Sixth Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-737-4215, Nga.gov.

LAST CHANCE **National Museum of African Art:** "African Mosaic: Celebrating a Decade of Collecting," a collection of 112 objects that represent 10 years of work toward building a permanent collection, through Sun. "Artists in Dialogue: Sandile Zulu and Henrique Oliveira," two artists react to each other's work, resulting in site-specific, original creations, through Jan. 8. "Central Nigeria Unmasked: Arts of the Benue River Valley," this collection of more than 150 sculptures include statues, helmet masks and maternal images created by residents of sub-Saharan Africa, through March 4. 950 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-4600, Africa.si.edu.

National Museum of American History: "Jefferson's Bible: The Life and Morals of Jesus of Nazareth," Thomas Jefferson's document from the early 19th century aimed to present a chronological version of Jesus' life, omitting anything that appeared "contrary to reason," through May 28. "On the Water: Stories From Maritime America," an exploration of life on the nation's waterways, and the central role marine transportation and waterborne commerce played in the establishment of major cities and trade routes; "Stories on Money," an exhibition looking at how money has changed from Colonial days to the present; "The First Ladies," the already popular exhibit of first lady gowns is expanded to include "Changing Times, Changing First Ladies," a look at how several first ladies have affected their husbands' administrations. 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000, Americanhistory.si.edu.

National Museum of Natural History: "Eternal Life in Ancient Egypt," a look at the Egyptian burial ritual, including mummies and cosmology, as well as what Egyptians expected in the afterlife; "More Than Meets the Eye," a look at the tools, skills and technologies used by the museum's scientists to explore the diversity in lifeforms and cultures, through Nov. 4, 2012. "Race: Are We So Different?," scientific, cultural and historical perspectives on the topic of heritage and ancestry, through Jan. 1. "The Bright Beneath: The Luminous Art of Shih Chieh Huang," an expression of colors as seen at the ocean's deepest depths; "The Evolving Universe," see images of space taken through tele

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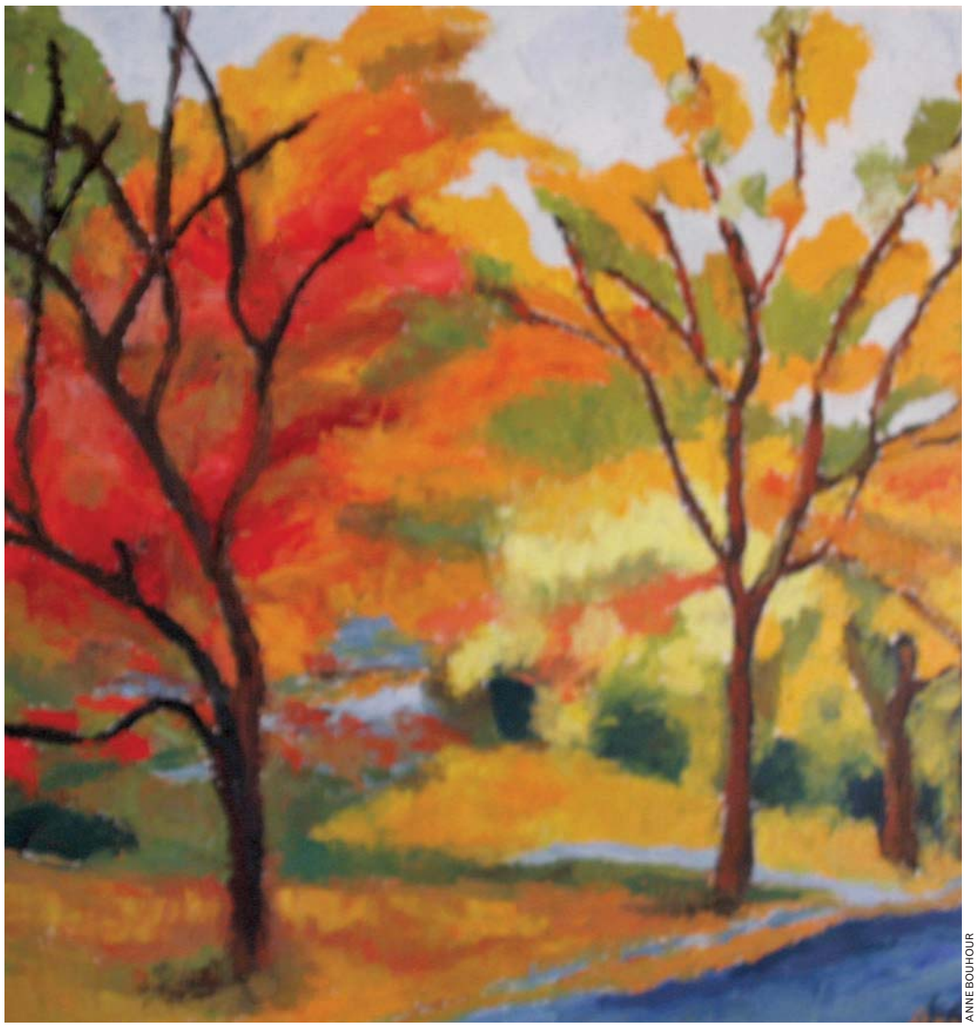

ANNE BOUHOUR

AND THE SKY IS VAGUELY GRAY: Painter Anne Bouhour is one of the artists exhibiting in a group show at Gallery B in Bethesda; that's her "Fall in Rockville" above. Other artists include painter Brigitte Zelenko, and sculptors Constance Chabrieres and Nathalie Poulique. The exhibit opens tonight (with the opening reception Friday) and runs through Jan. 7.

scopes and explore the time between the creation of the universe to present day on Earth; "Written in Bone: Forensic Files of the 17th-Century Chesapeake." 10th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000, Mnh.si.edu.

National Museum of the American Indian: "A Song for the Horse Nation," explore the relationship between Native Americans and their horses in this exhibit, which will include a life-size mannequin of a horse in full beaded regalia, rifles and a Sioux tepee; "Conversations With the Earth: Indigenous Voices on Climate Change," an indigenous science exhibition that uses photographs, video and audio captured by tribal communities from the Arctic to Brazil, through Jan. 2. "IndiVisible: African-Native American Lives in the Americas," an exhibit that looks at the lives of people with African-American and Native American heritages, through Feb. 2. Fourth Street and Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, Nmai.si.edu.

National Museum of Women in the Arts: "Trove: The Collection In Depth," more than 100 pieces show the breadth of the collection the museum has assembled over a quarter-century, through Jan. 15. "Visions of the Orient: Western Women Artists in Asia 1900-1940," prints and paintings by Western female artists exploring Asian cultures in the early 20th century, through Jan. 15. 1250 New York Ave. NW; 202-783-5000, Nmwa.org.

National Portrait Gallery: "Glimpse of the Past: A Neighborhood Evolves," a photographic exploration of the neighborhood surrounding the Patent Office Building, one of the oldest federal buildings in Washington, through Jan. 8. "Mementos: Painted and Photographic Miniatures, 1750-1920," an exhibit of portrait miniatures that were often made as love tokens or keepsakes, through May 13. "One Life: Ronald Reagan," an exhibition celebrating the 40th president's 100th birthday, through May 28.

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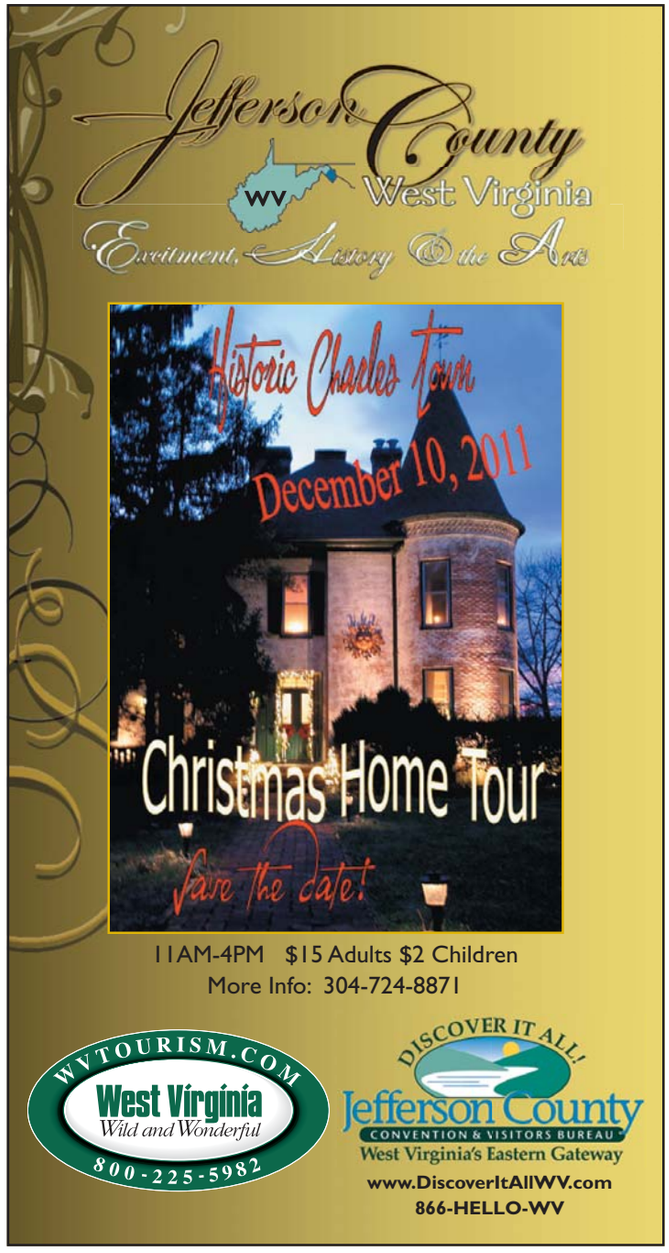

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"Portraiture Now: Asian American Portraits of Encounter," portraits by seven Asian American artists that capture the complexities of being Asian in America, through Oct. 14, 2012. "Seeing Gertrude Stein: Five Stories," the life of Gertrude Stein is chronicled by more than 100 works and 50 artifacts reflecting Stein's career, through Jan. 22. "The Black List," photographs by Timothy Greenfield-Sanders explore the careers and lives of preeminent African-Americans, through April 22. "The Death of Ellsworth," the first of four yearly alcove exhibitions at the National Portrait Gallery recounts the death of the first Union officer killed in the Civil War, through May 18. Several portraits of John F. Kennedy are on display to commemorate the 50th anniversary of his inauguration. Included are four photographs and one painting, through Jan. 8. Eighth and F streets NW; 202-633-1000, Npg.si.edu.

Newseum: "Blood and Ink: Front Pages From the Civil War," more than 30 historic newspaper front pages documenting the most famous events of the Civil War, "G-Men and Journalists: Top News Stories of the FBI's First Century," coverage of the FBI's most famous investigations, through Dec. 31. "Inside Tim Russert's Office: If It's Sunday, It's 'Meet the Press,'" the former "Meet the Press" host's office is partially reassembled to reflect how it appeared during his 17 years as the show's moderator, through Dec. 31. "Photo Finish: The Sports Photography of Neil Leifer," moments captured by sports photographer Neil Leifer, including Muhammad Ali's victory over Sonny Liston, will be on display, through March 18. 555 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 888-639-7386, Newseum.org.

Phillips Collection: "90 Years of New: The Klee Room," the museum's Klee Room will be brought back to its state in 1948, with 13 works by Paul Klee adorning the walls, through Dec. 31. "Degas's Dancers at the Barre: Point and Counterpoint," paintings of dancers by Edgar Degas show his fascination with ballet, through Jan. 8. "Eye to Eye: Joseph Marioni at the Phillips," a collection of monochrome paintings selected by the artists will be on display, through Jan. 29. "Will Ryman's 'The Roses'," fiberglass and stainless steel statues of rose blooms are placed on the museum's lawn. The structures transform in the changing light of the colder seasons, through Jan. 5. 1600 21st St. NW; 202-387-2151, Phillipscollection.org.

Renwick Gallery: "Something of Splendor: Decorative Arts From the White House," a collection of pieces, including furniture, ceramics, glass and textiles, shows the history of the White House's decor, through May 6. 17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW; 202-633-1000, Americanart.si.edu.

Smithsonian American Art Museum: "Inventing a Better Mousetrap: Patent Models From the Rothschild Collection," models of mousetraps show the different patents inventors submitted during the 19th century; "Made in Chicago: The Koffler Collection," twenty-six paintings, sculptures and works on paper from 1960 to 1980 by Chicago artists, including Roger Brown, Leon Golub, Theodore Halkin and Vera Klement, through Jan. 2. "Multiplicity," contemporary artists show how repeated images are important to the process of printmaking, through March 11. "The Great Hall of American Wonders," this collection of more than 160 objects, including paintings and drawings by John James Audubon and Winslow Homer, as well as botanical illustrations, patent models and engineering diagrams captures America at its most aspirational and imaginative, through Jan. 8. "Watch This! New Directions in the Art of the Moving Image," a permanent collection documenting contemporary art's use of video. On display are nine works spanning 50 years, including Cory Arcangel's Nintendo-inspired "Video Painting," Jim Campbell's "Grand Central Station #2" display, made from 1,728 LED lights, and Kota Ezawa's 3-D digital animation, "LYAM 3D." Eighth and F streets NW; 202-633-1000, Americanart.si.edu.

Susan Calloway Fine Arts: "Sweet Tides," works by Alison Hall Cooley focus on the memory of spaces, through Dec. 31. 1643 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-965-4601, Callowayart.com.

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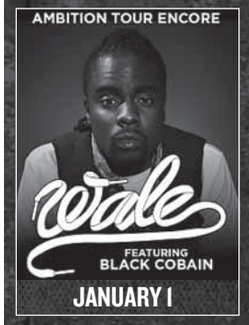

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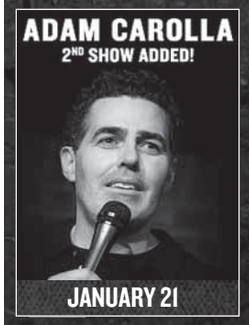

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Textile Museum: "Second Lives: The Age-Old Art of Recycling Textiles," examples of how various cultures reuse fabric, including a vest made from a blanket and a large patchwork of small scraps of silk ikat, through Jan. 8. "Weaving Abstraction: Kuba Textiles and the Woven Art of Central Africa," a collection of 50 19th- and 20th-century objects, including ceremonial skirts, tribute clothes, headdresses and basketry, through Feb. 12. 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441, Textilemuseum.org.

The Old Print Gallery: "New Prints by Jake Muirhead," more than 20 etchings, aquatints and drypoints by the artist, through Jan. 23. 1220 31st St. NW; 202-965-1818, Oldprintgallery.com.

Torpedo Factory Art Center/ The Art League: "Transitions," using reclaimed wood from spontaneous finds, father and son duo Guy and Marco Rando create whimsical sculptures evoking the forms of nature, through Jan. 2. The Art League, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria; 703-683-1780, Theartleague.org.

Torpedo Factory Art Center/Art League Gallery: "Transitions" sculpture exhibit, using reclaimed wood, Guy Rando and his son Marco created whimsical sculptures evoking forms of nature; featuring Guy's wall-mounted inlay pieces and Marco's free-standing kinetic sculpture, through Jan. 2, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Holiday Ornament Collection exhibit, by Art League artists, through Jan. 2, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Art League Gallery, Room 21, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria; 703-683-1780, Torpedofactory.org.

Touchstone: "Eclipsed by the Cloud:the Detritus of Obsolescent Technology," totems by Rima Schulkind use technologically outdated items to show our ingenuity and heedlessness, through Dec. 24. "Small Treasures," an annual holiday of small works by member artists, through Dec. 24. 901 New York Ave. NW; 202-347-2787, Touchstonegallery.com.

U.S. Botanic Garden: "Seasons Greenings," a celebration how people use plants in holiday traditions, through Jan. 2. 100 Maryland Ave. SW; 202-225-8333, Usbg.gov.

Woodrow Wilson House: "Woodrow Wilson, President Electric: Harnessing the Power of Innovation in the Progressive Era," examples of technology from the Progressive Era used by Wilson and the first family, including a telephone, silent film footage, a Victrola player, a 1921 Milburn Electric car and more, through Oct. 31, 2012. 2340 S St. NW; 202-387-4062, Woodrowwilsonhouse.org.

Zenith Gallery: "Shining Stars," an exhibit of sculpture and mixed-media works by Julie Girardini, Joan Konkel, David Hubbard, Barton Rubenstein and Paul Martin Wolff, through Jan. 7. 1111 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-783-2963.

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'Twas the Night Before Christmas: A mouse whose house was skipped by Santa last Christmas goes on an adventure with an elf and a girl, through Jan. 2, $18. Glen Echo Park, Adventure Theatre, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo; 301-634-2270, Adventuretheatre.org.

A Broadway Christmas Carol: The show mixes the Dickens tale with parodies of Broadway songs, through Dec. 18, $30-$50. MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St., Alexandria; 703-548-9044, 800-494-8497, Metrostage.org.

THURSDAY ONLY A Christmas Carol: A performance by Theatre IV of Richmond, Thu., $5. Publick Playhouse, 5445 Landover Road, Cheverly; 301-277-1710, Pgparks.com.

A Christmas Carol: Through Dec. 31, $46-$75. Ford's Theatre, 511 10th St. NW; 202-347-4833, Fordstheatre.org.

LAST CHANCE A Christmas Carol: The Little Theatre of Alexandria performs Charles Dickens' classic, through Wed., $15. Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St., Alexandria; 703-683-0496, Thelittletheatre.com.

A Christmas Carol: Montgomery Playhouse performs the classic tale of Ebenezer Scrooge, through Dec. 18, $15. Arts Barn, 311 Kent Square Road, Gaithersburg, Md.; 301-258-6394, Gaithersburgmd.gov/artsbarn.

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LAST CHANCE **A Second Chance:** Two recently single people get a second chance at love after meeting at a dinner party, through Sun., $40. Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington; 703-820-9771, Signature-theatre.org.

An Irish Carol: Keegan Theatre sets Dickens's classic in a pub, through Dec. 31, $35, $30 students and seniors. Church Street Theater, 1742 Church St. NW; 703-892-0202, Keegantheatre.com.

LAST CHANCE **Beertown:** The clever folks at Dog & Pony DC have collectively devised a theater piece about a fictional Midwestern town, and it requires much audience interaction. The result is so gently satiric and utterly involving that you'll find yourself voting for and against issues before you even realize you've raised your hand. Beertown's mayor, Michael Soch (Joshua Drew), a pleasant, nattily dressed fellow, calls the meeting to order. The event is the 20th quinquennial ceremony —that's every five years — in which the town's time capsule, first interred in 1891, is reopened, its artifacts carefully displayed and votes taken on what to add or take away from the precious collection. The audience's participation can change the play's ending and its length. Discussion takes off over voting for the time capsule artifacts, and audience members become central to it. Little vaudeville skits highlighting Beertown's history occasionally interrupt the voting. Not every element in "Beertown" works. Some of the skits fall a tad flat,

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Remembrance of Things Past

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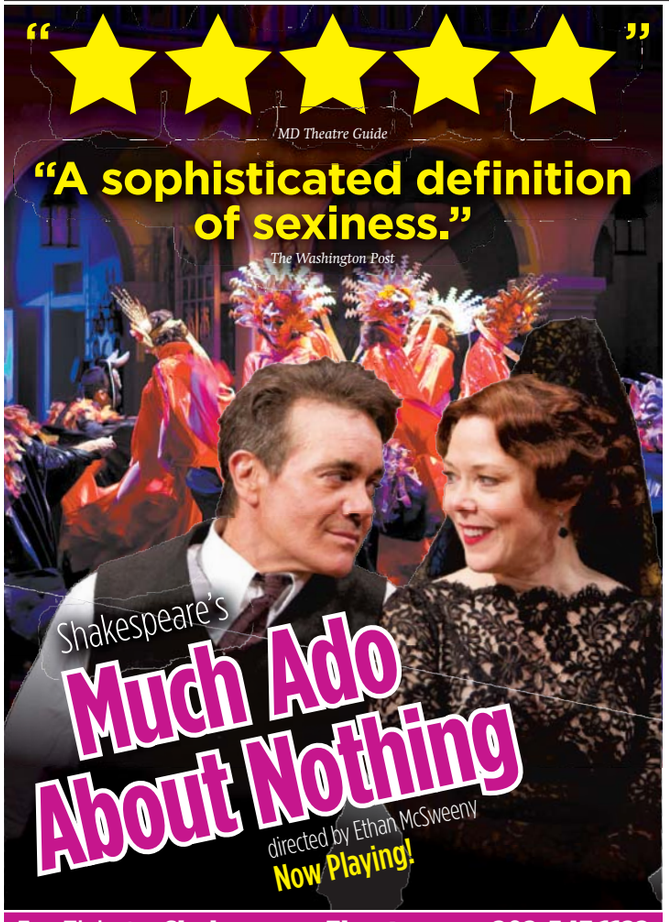
BOW TIES ARE COOL: Kellee Knighten Hough plays Mrs. Fred and Tom Story is Young Scrooge in Ford's Theatre's production of "A Christmas Carol." This is a straightforward telling of the classic Dickens Christmas story, one that does not involve Muppets, Disney characters or a giant space shark that gets saved by singing, though those other versions are pretty good.



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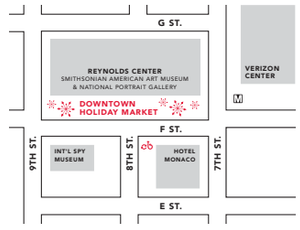

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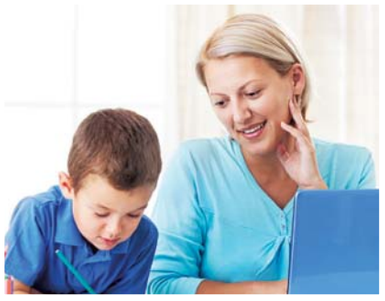

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and the second half felt a bit long. But the power of the actors and their vividly imagined Beertonians make the imaginary burg seem a most excellent destination, through Sat., $15-$25, $10 students and seniors. Capitol Hill Arts Workshop, 545 Seventh St. SE; 202-547-6839, Chaw.org.

Black Nativity: Langston Hughes' retelling of the Christmas story from an African-American perspective with gospel music, griot-style storytelling and dance, through Dec. 31, $20-$35, $20 students and seniors, $10 age 17 and younger. H Street Playhouse, 1365 H St. NE; 202-544-0703, Hstreetplayhouse.com.

Bust: Comedic actress Lauren Weedman stars in a show she wrote about her career and her volunteer work at a women's jail, through Dec. 18, $35-$60. Studio Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; 202-332-3300, Studiotheatre.org.

Cannibal the Musical!: Presented by the Landless Theatre Company, through Dec. 23, $25. D.C. Arts Center, 2438 18th St. NW; 202-462-7833, Dcartscenter.org.

Dr. Dolittle: A soldier during World War I writes letters to his son describing a doctor who can talk to animals and makes peace among warring animals in Africa, through Jan. 8, $10-$22. Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda; 301-280-1660, Imaginationstage.org.

Equivocation: William Shakespeare and his troupe attempt to find a balance between art and politics in 1605 London, through Jan. 1, $55-$100. Arena Stage, 1101 Sixth St. SW; 202-488-3300, Arenastage.org.

LAST CHANCE **Eureka Dance Festival recital:** 2011 Eureka choreographers reveal their creations from the past eight months, opens Fri., through Sun., $22; seniors and students, $17; 17 and younger, $8. Dance Place, 3225 Eighth St. NE; 202-269-1600, Danceplace.org.

Hairspray: A teen who loves to dance becomes a local celebrity in Baltimore, through Jan. 29, $62-$86. Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington; 703-820-9771, Signature-theatre.org.

Jersey Boys: The musical tells the story of the rise of the Four Seasons, through Jan. 7, $36.50-$276.50. National Theatre, 1321 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-628-6161, Nationaltheatre.org.

LAST CHANCE **Manassas Ballet Theatre: Nutcracker** Manassas Ballet Theatre presents this Christmas classic based upon Peter Tchaikovsky's story accompanied by the Manassas Ballet Theatre Orchestra, through Sun., $35-$55. Hylton Performing Arts Center, 10960 George Mason Circle, Manassas, Va.; 888-945-2468, Hyltoncenter.org.

Miracle on 34th Street: Through Dec. 18, $13, students, military and seniors $10. Laurel Mill Playhouse, 508 Main St., Laurel, Md.; 301-452-2557, Laurelmillplayhouse.org.

Much Ado About Nothing: Shakespeare's romantic comedy about a battle of wits is staged, through Jan. 1. Sidney Harman Hall, 610 F St. NW; 202-547-1122, Shakespearetheatre.org.

SATURDAY ONLY **Past, Present, Future:** Former residents of Laurel's Forest Haven present a show about what happened after the asylum was shuttered in 1991. Presented by Players Unlimited, opens Sat., $10. Atlas Performing Arts Center, 1333 H St. NE; 202-399-7993, Atlasarts.org.

Pride and Prejudice: The parents of five daughters attempt to find them husbands, through Dec. 31, $25-$60. Round House Theatre, 4545 East West Hwy., Bethesda; 240-644-1100, Roundhousetheatre.org.

Romeo and Juliet: The Shakespearean tale of star-crossed lovers is told without words, using props, mime and dance. Part of "Speak No More: The Silent Shakespeare Festival," through Dec. 23, $35-$55, $50-$30 seniors, $10-$25 students. Synetic Theater at Crystal City, 1800 S. Bell St., Arlington; 800-494-8497.

LAST CHANCE **Saulo Garcia: La Vida en Los Exclavos Unidos:** The Colombian comedian pokes fun about being an immigrant in America, opens Fri. through Sat., $20, $18 seniors and students. GALA Theatre-Tivoli, 3333 14th St. NW; 202-234-7174, Galatheatre.org.

Septime Webre's The Nutcracker: Septime Webre directs a D.C.-themed version of the classic, through Dec. 24. Warner Theatre, 13th and E streets NW; 202-783-4000.

Shear Madness: The audience joins the fun in this performance based on a murder in a hair salon, through Oct. 10, 2012, $45. Kennedy Center, Theater Lab, 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600, 800-444-1324, Kennedy-center.org.

Spoiler Alert: Everybody Dies: Woolly artists collaborate with Chicago's the Second City to present a comedic anti-holiday show, through Jan. 8.

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Oh, What a Night

JOAN MARCUS

SINGING FOR THEIR SUPPER: Michael Lomenda (pink striped shirt), Joseph Leo Bwarie (pink shirt with striped cardigan), Preston Truman Boyd (orange and blue striped shirt) and John Gariner (green and purple shirt) star in "Jersey Boys," now playing at the National Theatre. It's the story of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, who apparently liked bright, striped shirts.

Woolly Mammoth Theatre, 641 D St. NW; 202-393-3939, Woollymammoth.net.

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever: Presented by Vpstart Crow, through Dec. 18, $20, $15 students and seniors. Hylton Performing Arts Center, 10960 George Mason Circle, Manassas, Va.; 888-945-2468, Hyltoncenter.org.

The Commedia Pinoccio: Acrobats, dancers and actors perform the story of a boy made of wood, through Dec. 17, $12. Maryland Ensemble Theatre, 31 W. Patrick St., Frederick, Md.; 301-694-4744, Marylandensemble.org.

The Eight: Reindeer Monologues: Santa's reindeer dish the dirt on St. Nick in this dark Christmas comedy, through Jan. 1, $24, students and seniors $20. Maryland Ensemble Theatre, 31 W. Patrick St., Frederick, Md.; 301-694-4744, Marylandensemble.org.

LAST CHANCE **The Golden Dragon:** Five actors portray 15 characters (including cooks and customers) in this play set in a cramped kitchen of a pan-Asian restaurant, through Sun., $35-$69. Studio Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; 202-332-3300, Studiotheatre.org.

The Madman and the Nun: A brilliant insane asylum patient attempts to escape by befriending a nun. Presented by Ambassador Theater, through Dec. 18, $30, $20 students and seniors. Flashpoint, 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1305, Flashpointdc.org.

SATURDAY ONLY **Virginia Ballet Company:** A performance by the Virginia Ballet Company and School using familiar tunes, lively dances, lovely costumes and charming characters from Peter Tchaikovsky's classic work, opens Sat., free ticket, one per person, distributed 30 minutes before each show. National Theatre, 1321 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-628-6161, Nationaltheatre.org.

The Rough-Faced Girl: A Native American story about a girl who is cast aside by her family and tribe, performed by Synetic Theater, through Dec. 28, $15; in advance, $12. Synetic Family Theater, 4041 Campbell Ave., Arlington; 703-824-8061, 800-494-8497, Synetictheater.org.

The Sound of Music: A musical about a governess, seven mischievous children and their stern father, through Jan. 8, $26-$54. Olney Theatre Center, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney, Md.; 301-924-3400, Olneytheatre.org.

LAST CHANCE **Washington Revels present the Christmas Revels:** Andalusian Treasures, celebrating Jewish, Arabic and Spanish music, dance and drama, through Sun., $18-$45, youth $12-$27. George Washington University, Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st St. NW; 202-994-6800, Lisner.org.

You, Nero: A playwright attempts to restore order in Rome through a farce, through Jan. 1. Arena Stage, 1101 Sixth St. SW; 202-488-3300, Arenastage.org.

THURSDAY ONLY **e-Geaux (beta):** Does posting a status update or personal information on Facebook make you nervous? No? In that case, you'll love "e-Geaux (beta)," an improv theater performance that makes your social network data the star of the show. Audience members will download a smartphone app at the start of the show that will access their Facebook information to generate a one-of-a-kind script at 7 and 9 p.m., Thu., $15. Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-875-1100, Artisphere.com.

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Nobody Loves Amy

The year's most appealingly tragicomic series is about to end its rookie season. "Enlightened" (HBO, Mondays, 9:30 p.m.) is a portrait of a mad corporate slave. Amy Jellicoe (the incomparable Laura Dern, above) threatens to kill her ex-lover at a soul-sucking health conglomerate, blaming him for her transfer to a less glamorous job. Hawaiian rehab restores her sanit— or does it? Back at work and eager to be an "agent of change," she is always late, she pursues personal do-gooder projects on company time, and she relentlessly chats up colleagues who think she's crazy.

By Marc Silver

Amy's private life is equally messy. She's moved in with Mom (Dern's real-life mother, Diane Ladd), queen of the withering comment: "You look awful. Are you going to go to work like that?" And she reconnects with her drug-using ex (laid-back Luke Wilson).

Monday's finale has a typical mix of sly humor, oppressive earnestness and frustrating irresolution — and another extraordinary performance by Dern, who can turn ravishing or careworn, spiritual or sensual, with a mere glance.

Ratings have been OK, but no decision's been made about the show's future. HBO: Enlighten us with more!

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DEF JAM

Jimmy Fallon's house band hits its artistic peak on the conceptual 'undun'

Album Review

There are some incredibly evocative songs on the Roots' new album, "undun." The electronic pulse of "Sleep" sounds like molten gold dripping from a leaky spigot. The bass at the finale of "Make My" plows tunnels through the cumulus Alps of heaven.

So it's too bad the one song that the Roots will likely be remembered for in 2011 is a 16-second swatch of Fishbone's "Lyin' A-- B----."

As the house band on "Late Night With Jimmy Fallon," the Philadelphia-born hip-hop collective recently spat up the rowdy ska tune as Republican presidential hopeful Michele Bachmann traipsed out onstage for an interview.

The band considered it a joke. Certain corners of the media considered it an outrage. NBC apologized to Bachmann and "severely reprimanded" the Roots. Last week, bandleader Questlove said the stunt was "absolutely not" worth it.

But regardless of whether the decision was in poor taste, it underscored a bigger point about the Roots: The band members might spend their work week taking Fallon in and out of commercial, but they've never stopped thinking of themselves as artists.

It's an idea addressed more explicitly with "undun," the group's most adventurous outing since 1999's "Things Fall Apart." But where that triumph folded hip-hop into new shapes like so much origami paper, "undun" slowly allows itself to spread in every direction, the way water spills across a tabletop.

undun
The Roots

That's just the music, though. Lyrically, this is a concept album with a linear narrative that frontman Black Thought follows with admirable discipline. The story begins with the death of a semi-fictional drug dealer named Redford Stephens, imitating the last-scene-first device Hollywood is fond of.

After an opening drone that suggests a flat-lining EKG monitor, Black Thought raps from the perspective of a spirit freshly escaped from the body: "From a man to a memory. ... I wonder if my fam will remember me."

Then, back to the beginning, where Stephens's life slowly takes shape and quickly splinters. Different voices step in to inhabit his first-person, including rising Mississippi rapper Big K.R.I.T. and longtime Roots collaborator Dice Raw.

In the meantime, the band handles each of these delicate backing tracks with a pleasing and elegant touch. The album closes with an orchestral suite that's every bit as lovely as the beat-driven stuff on the front end.

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Two Decembers ago, Questlove said he was paranoid about the Roots' being known merely as "Jimmy Fallon's band." Hopefully, he's gotten over that. The Roots have inarguably made television a better place for music, while life on television has inarguably made the Roots a better band.

Let's hope they never quit their day job. Or get fired.

CHRIS RICHARDS (THE WASHINGTON POST)

● *Fillmore, 8656 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; Dec. 29 & 30, 8 p.m., $54; 301-960-9999, Fillmoresilverspring.com. (Silver Spring)*

Bombs Awry! A stunt for the Discover Channel show "MythBusters" sent an errant cannonball through a California family's house and into a parked minivan a few hundred feet away. The cannonball, fired at a sheriff's department bomb range on Tuesday, was supposed to go through a few water-filled barrels and a concrete wall. Instead, it passed over the barrels and through the wall, and then took a skyward bounce. No injuries were reported. (AP)

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Mommy Meanest

Merrill Markoe's new essay set reflects on a hypercritical mom

Book Review

"Funny women sell these days," trumpets the PR copy for Merrill Markoe's collection of humorous essays, "Cool, Calm & Contentious." It's true. Tina Fey has helped usher in a new appreciation for comedians who, amazingly, just like boys, can Write! Act! Produce! As an Emmy Award-winning former head writer for the "Late Night With David Letterman," Markoe has long ago been there, done all that. But despite three collections of essays and four extremely funny novels, Markoe isn't quite a household name. She admits to being "haunted by the fear that the creation of Stupid Pet Tricks was going to be the only thing that would appear in her obituary."

That would be a shame because Markoe is fully capable of manic riffs and the most acerbic skewering of herself and others. Still, her sheer good nature shines through.

She's Elaine on "Seinfeld" — if Elaine were actually nice, not to mention acutely self-aware.

The best essays in "Cool, Calm & Contentious" recount Markoe's childhood with a mother so hypercritical she makes Mommie Dearest look like Glinda the Good Witch. Markoe quotes at length from her mother's travel diaries, which dismiss everything from the country of Turkey ("cheap little stores full of items from the everyday world") to St. Mark's Square in Venice ("in terrible taste"). Discovering these entries, Markoe says, "My lifelong problems of feeling judged by her and coming up short in all areas became both tolerable and funny."

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Markoe theorizes that such a mother turns out to be a common ancestor of comedians. "For the creatively inclined, growing up under the thumb of a good old-fashioned insensitive, dismissive, difficult ... mommy can be a lot like growing up permanently enrolled in a graduate seminar in comedy."

LISA ZEIDNER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Morgan, 'M-A-S-H' Star, Dies

Obituary

Emmy-winning character actor Harry Morgan — whose portrayal of the fatherly Col. Potter on television's "M-A-S-H" highlighted a show business career that included nine other TV series, 50 films and the Broadway stage — died Wednesday. He was 96.

Morgan

Morgan never planned to act, yet he became one of the best-known character actors in Hollywood, supporting such stars as Henry Fonda, John Wayne and Elvis Presley. (AP)

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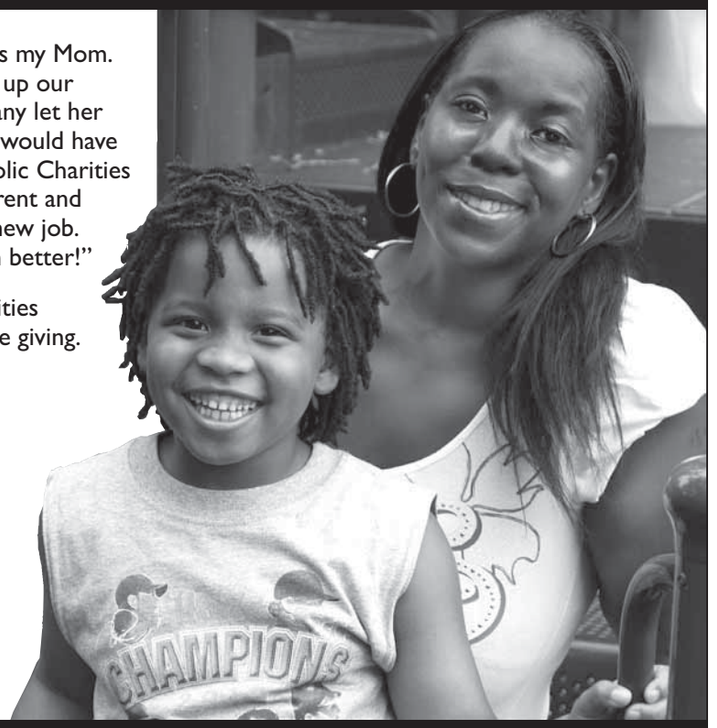

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lookout TV tonight

Christmas Comes Early

NBC's Thursday night lineup celebrates the holiday season

Comedy

NBC 8:00 Christmas arrives for NBC's Thursday night comedy block. "Community" (8 p.m.) offers a savage and overdue sendup of "Glee."

When the campus choir is busted for copyright infringement, its bubbly sweater-vested director, Cory Radison (Taran Killam, "Saturday Night Live"), tries to enlist the study group members to take their place. "No way" gives way to a cappella acceptance as he bewitches them one by one with songs perfectly pitched to their particular eccentricities. This is a memorable "Community" episode — and the last one before it goes on hiatus — that may turn some disinterested viewers into regulars.

NBC

Greendale's choir director (Taran Killam, left) recruits Abed (Danny Pudi, right) and the study group to join him on a musical, holiday-themed episode of "Community."

"The Office" (9 p.m.) has a history of better-than-average Christmas episodes. Tonight's is not the best of the batch but is still worth watching, if only to see the receptionist, Erin (Ellie Kemper), drown her jealousy of Andy's (Ed Helms) girlfriend in an unending round of cocktails.

On the other end of the spectrum, the holiday episode of "Parks and Recreation" (8:30 p.m.) tiptoes dangerously close to sentimentality, as Leslie copes with her banishment from the office and the suspension of her campaign.

KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNIVERSAL UCLICK)

Best Bets

A&E 10:00 **Beyond Scared Straight** The hard-hitting unscripted series returns for a third season of putting at-risk youth into programs where they interact with convicts in hopes of keeping them from a life behind bars.

LIFE 10:00 **Project Accessory** It's all about the shoes — and the belts, and the bags, and the jewelry — in this reality series. Tonight, the contestants discover a dream prize on a field trip to a fashion magnate's headquarters. Molly Sims, shown, hosts.

USA 10:00

Burn Notice Jesse (Coby Bell, shown) recruits the team to help a friend take down his boss, who is using diplomatic immunity to smuggle blood diamonds into the United States. Michael needs Pearce's help transferring a dangerous prisoner who may have information on Anson.

HIST 11:00 **Off the Grid: Million Dollar Manhunt** Host and master tracker Kevin Reeve offers people a $1 million prize if they can evade Reeve and his expert team of trackers. The catch? They'll be using facial recognition cameras and cell phone tracking software. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

Reality

Troubled Waters, Engine Issues

After having to dump their earlier hauls and flee a tropical storm, the captains are eager to get back out on the water on "Big Shrimpin'" (10 p.m., Hist.). That's easier said than done, however; the Barbara is immobilized by mechanical problems, and it's blocking in the Hannah. Roundhead is able to get the Miss Ashleigh out, but he soon runs into a problem of his own. (TM)

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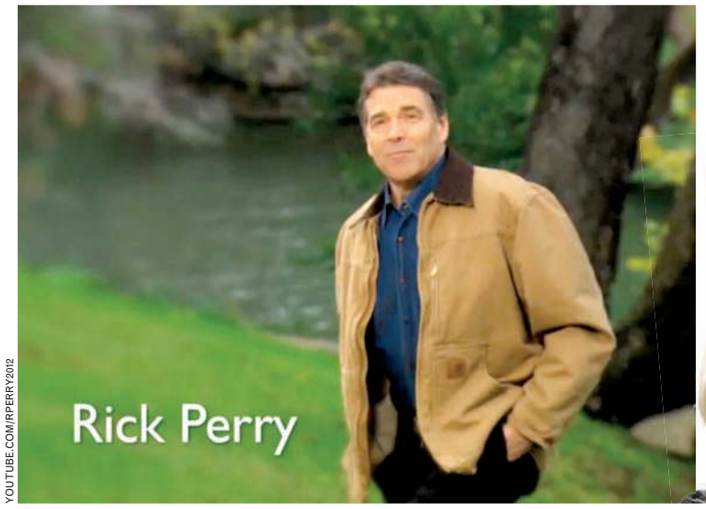

YOUTUBE.COM/RPERRY2012

"The Angry Birds logo has graced sweatshirts, playable birthday cakes and even a Finnair airplane. Now it has been reinterpreted as an elegant one-shouldered evening gown. Awesome? Insane? Glamorous? Ridiculous? You decide."

—**LATIMESBLOGS.LATIMES.COM/TECHNOLOGY** doesn't know what to think of Teija Vesterbacka, the wife of Peter Vesterbacka — head of Rovio, the company that makes the Angry Birds app — after she wore a dress inspired by the game to a formal event at the Finnish Palace on Tuesday.

"While fewer useless emails does sound like a good thing, one wonders if future polls will find that a comparable amount of IM discussions prove to fall into that same non-useful, non-spam category."

—**GEEKOSYSTEM.COM** isn't sold on the notion that eliminating internal emails will help French information technology firm Atos improve its communication efficiency in the office.

"Interestingly, the ad has a clash of tone and emotion. Despite the negativity of [Rick] Perry denouncing America's cultural decline thanks to gays in uniform and children forbidden to celebrate Christmas, the candidate himself is standing on a beautiful green hill, with a slight camera blur and soothing musical accompaniment."

—**2012.TALKINGPOINTSMEMO.COM** notes the odd dichotomy of the Republican presidential candidate's latest campaign advertisement now running statewide in Iowa.

"What's sad is that law enforcement in Europe seems to have turned a blind eye to FIFA-related depredations for years. Maybe the FBI is the only agency willing to check the total corruption of international soccer. If so, bravo, America. I place my right hand over my heart and withdraw."

—**DEADSPIN.COM** reacts to news that the FBI has interviewed members of England's failed 2018 World Cup bid as part of an investigation by the American law-enforcement agency into alleged corruption in FIFA.

"I don't understand what the 'lipstick on a pig' fuss was about, frankly. I use it all the time," testifies Miss Piggy. #GOPmuppethearings"

—**@HESHERMAN** has some fun with a mock congressional hearing game on Twitter that stemmed from a Fox Business News host's claim this week that the message sent out by "The Muppets" is anti-corporate America.

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Horoscope

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) The way things are shaping up pleases you in many ways, but there are a few issues that require your attention here and now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Someone younger than you is likely to make a request that you must take seriously, even though it also makes you laugh.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You'll be afforded a brief glimpse of something that others will not be made aware of until tomorrow. Use this to your advantage.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Any sort of overreaction is likely to bring you face to face with the kind of trouble you cannot easily solve. Control your emotions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Someone has been watching you of late, and today you can do something that really shakes things up — and wins a much-deserved reaction.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you find yourself too busy, then you will want to take a moment to center yourself and free yourself of one or two personal burdens.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may not be able to look closely at a personal situation without becoming quite upset — with yourself, first and foremost.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You can save a great deal simply by choosing a more conservative path — but this doesn't mean you'll stop wanting certain things.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't try to ruin someone else's reputation by digging into something that is not at all your business.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll be able to tell just where something is going before it gets there — and others will value this ability to see into the future.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) It's not the time to turn away from those who are doing what you don't like; you'll want to pay close attention and learn a thing or two.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) If others keep you in the loop, you'll be able to help a great deal when the time comes. Until then, stay in the background.

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Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 140-150, BEST SCORE 222

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E1	I1	U1	U1	T1	N1	P3		
								RACK 2
A1	A1	O1	R1	D2	T1	M3		
								RACK 3
A1	A1	O1	P3	T1	R1	D2	2nd Letter Double	
								RACK 4
E1	O1	D2	F4	N1	R1	F4	Triple Word Score	

Yesterday's Solution

P3	R1	O1	V4	O1	S1	T1	RACK 1 =	74
M3	O1	P3	P3	E1	T1		RACK 2 =	12
B3	R1	A1	V4	E1	R1	Y4	RACK 3 =	65
I1	V4	O1	R1	I1	E1	S1	RACK 4 =	68
PAR SCORE 155-165							TOTAL	219

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Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

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	7				8	5		1
5			6					
	6						5	
			9		5			
	3						9	
					6			3
1		3	2				4	
2				7			1	

Yesterday's Solution

5	4	1	7	6	3	8	2	9
9	3	6	4	8	2	7	5	1
7	8	2	5	1	9	4	6	3
1	9	3	2	7	5	6	4	8
8	6	7	3	4	1	2	9	5
4	2	5	8	9	6	1	3	7
3	7	8	6	5	4	9	1	2
2	1	4	9	3	7	5	8	6
6	5	9	1	2	8	3	7	4

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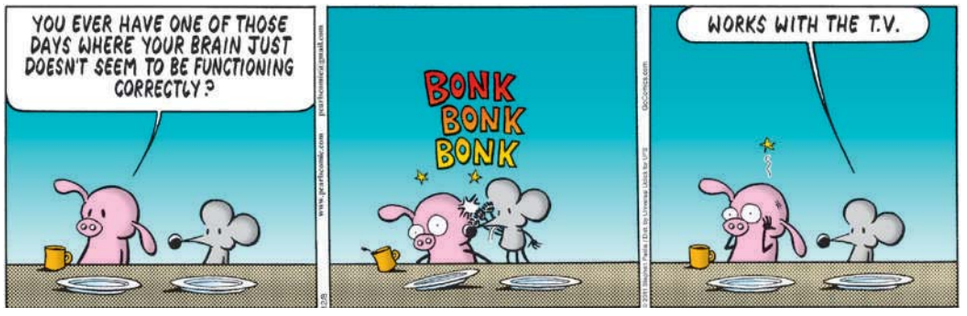

Forecast

44 | 33

Today: Cooler today with sunshine and patchy clouds. A moonlit sky tonight.

49 | 35

Tomorrow: Sunshine and patchy clouds tomorrow. Partly cloudy tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

SAT	SUN	MON
43 | 28	46 | 30	47 | 31

Sun and Moon
Sunrise today: 7:14 a.m.
Sunset today: 4:46 p.m.
Moonrise today: 3:23 p.m.
Moonset today: 5:24 a.m.

Almanac
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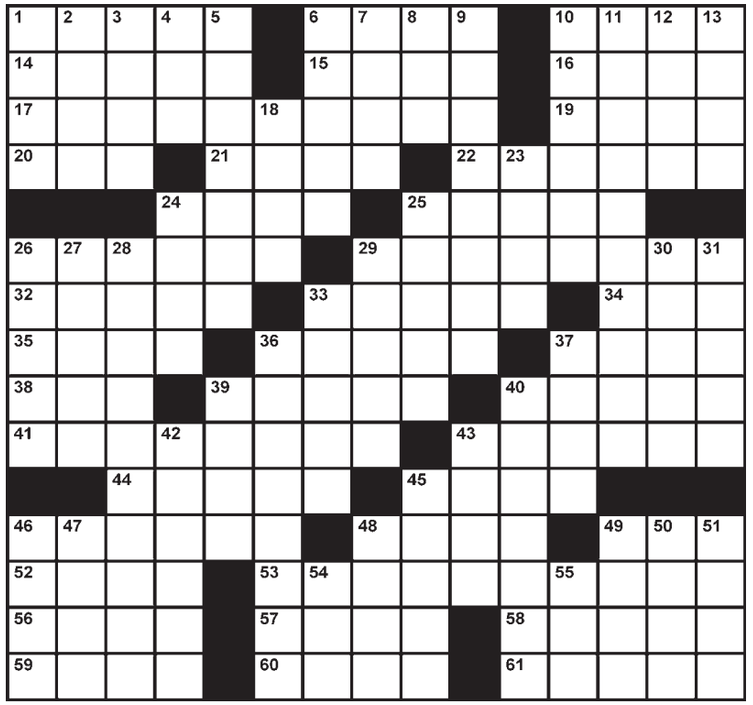

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ACROSS

1 Backbreaker, in a proverb
6 Plan detail
10 Slays, in slang
14 Kind of stew
15 Jason's fictional ship
16 China-North Korea river
17 Billiards option at the auto factory?
19 Sunflower support
20 "What did I tell you?"
21 Goes one better than
22 Shaping tools
24 One-horse carriage
25 Chaotic brawl
26 Professional fool
29 It pairs with "Faith," in a saying
32 Sadat of Egypt
33 Sacred choral work
34 The Sopranos were here
35 Small river dam
36 Swim meet divisions
37 Before you know it
38 Oceanic eagle
39 "___ in Toyland"
40 Positive electrode
41 Well-intentioned one
43 Game similar to bridge
44 Be in a bee
45 Dogpatch creator Al
46 Ending with "hemi" or "strato"
48 Isle near Mull
49 Aggressive lawyer's advice
52 Cafe ___ (black coffee)
53 Guitar at the auto factory?
56 ___ Romeo (Italian car)
57 Annapolis institution, initially
58 Assuages
59 Fathoms
60 Those born in late July
61 Rodeo rope

DOWN

1 A boy and his sis, e.g.
2 Common test answer
3 Hoarfrost
4 Slithery slayer
5 If or if not
6 Overly sentimental
7 Those in favor
8 I, to Claudius
9 Some may be junior or technical
10 Delicacy from the sea
11 Bill Cosby book read at the auto factory?
12 Beat it
13 Bottom-line figures
18 Lion's bellow
23 Boatloads
24 Play the lead
25 Apportions (with "out")
26 Shot the breeze
27 A month in Madrid
28 Certain work stint at the auto factory?
29 Embarrassing mistake
30 Domicile
31 Gives an edge to
33 Normand of silent movies
36 Gravy helping, perhaps
37 Break sharply
39 Dutch South African
40 Wearable wares
42 "Carmen" and "Norma"
43 Playing with a full deck
45 Musical finales
46 Stocking problem
47 Barber's symbol
48 "I'm ___ mood to argue"
49 Talk back to
50 Takes advantage of
51 Exxon precursor
54 Suffix with "Japan" or "Taiwan"
55 Sheep's cry

Yesterday's Solution

Today in History

1854 Pope Pius IX proclaims the Catholic dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

1941 The United States enters World War II as Congress declares war against Japan, a day after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

2001 The U.S. Capitol is reopened to tourists after a two-month security shutdown.

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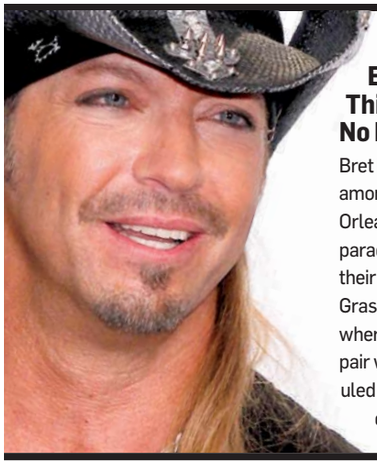

CONFUSION

Every Year We Cover This; Every Year We Have No Idea What It Is or Means

Bret Michaels and Cyndi Lauper are among the celebrities heading to New Orleans for Carnival 2012. Orpheus parade organizers named the pair as their monarchs Wednesday at Mardi Gras World, the New Orleans studio where carnival floats are made. The pair will lead roughly 30 floats scheduled to roll through the city the Monday night before Mardi Gras. (AP)

POOR SPORTS

Alec Takes Toy And Goes Home

A rep for Alec Baldwin says the actor was singled out when he was kicked off an American Airlines plane in Los Angeles. Matthew Hiltzik said Wednesday that other passengers were also using handheld devices when Baldwin was asked to leave the flight because he continued to use his cell phone. Baldwin ranted on Twitter Tuesday that he was booted off the plane for playing the game Words With Friends. Baldwin's Twitter account was deactivated Wednesday, Hiltzik says, so Baldwin could "focus on '30 Rock.'" (AP)

CELEBRITY JOURNALISM

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Sinead O'Connor wrote on her blog, Sineadoconnor.com, Wednesday: "With enormous joy myself and my beloved boyfriend Barry Herridge will be getting married tomorrow, December 8th 2011 at 'an un-disclosed location' in my absolute dream wedding ceremony. We will post a photo or two here on the site as soon as possible afterward. Very happy girl." (EXPRESS)

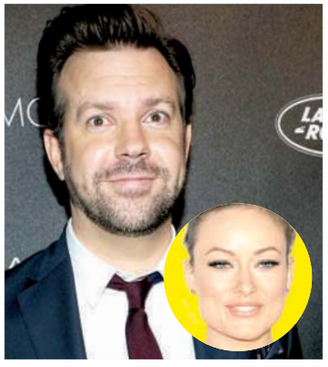
Lies

It's a Fact: Only Pregnant Women Carry Purses

At a charity concert on Tuesday, the former Kate Middleton fueled pregnancy rumors by, according to Usmagazine.com, doing "little to squash" them and holding her purse, a clutch, in front of her stomach. As always, no one official had any comment. (EXPRESS)

"Eat away! Starting on Halloween, all the way through New Year's, I'm eating. That's why elastic waistbands are a must."

—**HILARY SWANK,** ACCORDING TO US WEEKLY, OFFERED THIS WHEN ASKED HER SECRET TO STAYING SLIM DURING THE HOLIDAYS. SHE ADDED THAT SHE DOESN'T DIET.



Apparently, if you catch the floating yellow orb, you get the girl who's inside it.

LACK OF DISCRETION

Brazen Duo Scandalize Tabloids With Their Failure To Hide Their Relationship

Olivia Wilde and Jason Sudeikis are allegedly dating, Us Weekly reports. According to an unnamed source, the "Saturday Night Live" cast member brought Wilde to a party in New York City this past weekend and "they walked in holding hands." "She's come to the studio at Rockefeller Center, and they've gone out to dinner after rehearsals," said another, also unnamed, source. (EXPRESS)

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Charlottesville	434-973-3222	304 Connor Drive, next to Target & Bonefish
Charlottesville	434-975-1171	1646 Seminole Trail, across from Fashion Square Mall
Charlottesville	434-964-1300	1500 Seminole Trail, next to Starbucks, across Fash. Sq Mall
Charles Town	304-725-1791	116 Flowing Springs Rd, across from Hollywood Casino
Clinton	301-856-8573	8847 Woodyard Rd, between Giant & Sears
Columbia	410-309-9655	9400 Snowden River Pkwy, Columbia Marketplace
Columbia	410-964-0749	6110 Dobbin Road, next to new Toys-R-Us & REI
Crofton	410-451-9544	2612 Brandermill Blvd, Village of Waugh Chapel
Culpeper	540-829-7891	15131 Montanus Drive, behind Chili's next to Lowe's
Dumfries	703-445-9877	3966 Fettler Park Dr, at Rt.234 next to Ihop
Dunkirk	410-257-0316	10730 Town Center Blvd, next to Wal-Mart
Easton	410-822-7742	8058 Ocean Gateway, next to Wawa
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Fredericksburg	540-710-7525	10119 Jefferson Davis Hgwy, next to Red Robin
Fredericksburg	540-548-0445	5723 W.Plank Road, between Home Depot & Giant
Front Royal	540-636-7800	50 Riverton Commons, next to Wal-Mart
Gainesville	703-753-0789	5131 Wellington Rd, next to Buffalo Wild Wings
Gaithersburg	301-869-9727	451 N. Frederick Ave, across from Mont. Square
Gaithersburg	301-355-7240	178 Kentlands Boulevard, next to Bally's Fitness
Germantown	301-515-3000	13052 Middlebrook Rd, next to Giant
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Kentlands	301-355-7240	178 Kentlands Boulevard, next to Bally's Fitness
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Lexington Park	301-866-1956	23105 Three Notch Rd, next to Starbucks
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Manassas I-66 Outlet	703-331-0637	10372 East Balls Ford Rd, facing I-66
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Manassas	703-257-5768	8376 Sudley Road, in front of Manassas Mall
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Stafford	540-657-1554	370 Garrisonville Rd, Doc Comm, next to Home Depot
Staunton	540-886-1122	1209 Richmond Ave, next to Starbucks
Sterling	703-421-3664	45591 Dulles Eastern Plaza, across from Haverty's
Stone Ridge	703-542-8567	42015 Village Center Plaza, next to Harris-Teeter
Tenleytown, DC	202-537-9353	4437 Wisconsin Ave, across from Library
Tyson's Corner	703-790-0241	1986 Chain Bridge Rd, next to Dominic's
Waldorf	301-638-0990	3368 Crain Hgwy, next to Pep Boys
Warrenton	540-351-0056	310 Broadview St, next to Jiffy Lube
Wheaton	301-929-0365	2704 University Blvd W, at Viers Mill Rd
Winchester	540-662-6621	1869 S Pleasant Valley Rd, across from Best Buy
Woodbridge	703-490-2760	14006 Jefferson Davis Hgwy, next to PWP & Cardinal Bank.